

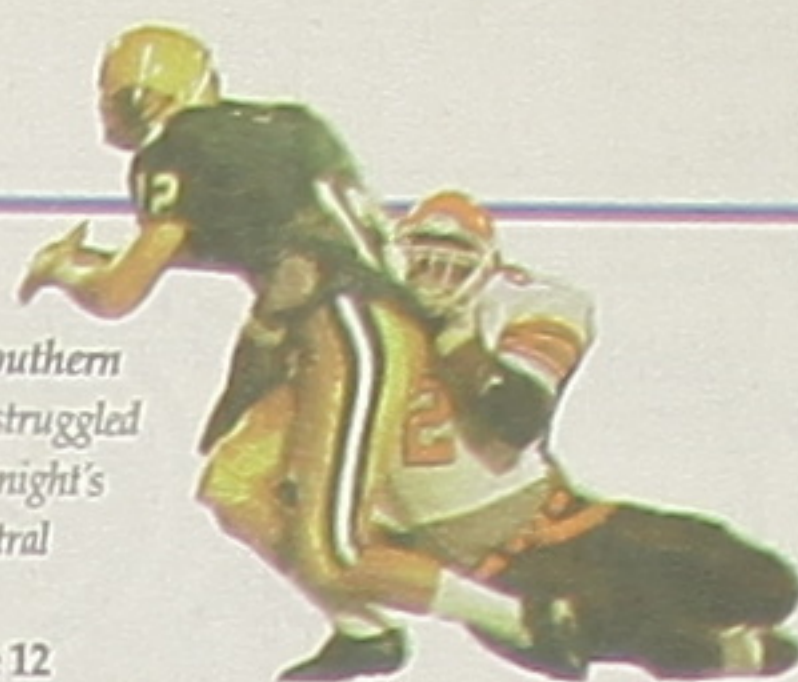
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The Missouri Southern Football Lions struggled during Saturday night's 20-13 loss to Central Missouri

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## FACULTY SENATE

# Distance learning spawns committee debate

## Faculty welfare pushes for oversight committee

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

Stepping into the information age has brought new issues to the floor of Missouri Southern's Faculty Senate. Southern's interest in expansion of distance learning programs has the College's faculty welfare committee asking the Senate to look at a proposal for a special committee to oversee distance learning.

"We are proposing a faculty oversight committee, much like the existing writing intensive and core curriculum commit-

tees," said Dr. Barry Brown, faculty welfare committee representative to the Senate. A resolution asking for committee formation was tabled last spring at the request of the College administration but appeared on the agenda of the first Faculty Senate meeting on Oct. 5 and was discussed.

"I just don't see the need to form another committee," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "I have great faith in the individual departments, and that's where the courses will be developed."

Brown says the proposed committee would work much like the writing program committee, which approves writing intensive courses and recommends poli-

cies and guidelines for evaluation of the College's writing program.

"The College is now saying we need to offer classes with alternative methods of delivery," Brown said. "We're wondering about the quality of courses that will be offered."

Dr. Dirk Nelson, chair of the faculty welfare committee, has been involved in several aspects of Southern's distance learning program and will teach the College's first course via Internet in the spring. He believes issues such as faculty compensation, minimum and maximum class load policies for instructors involved in distance education, and class availability are prudent to faculty who may be involved with distance learning.

"I think those are the kinds of things a committee should address, and it should be faculty and administration collectively," Nelson said.

Finding alternative resources for faculty such as workshops on distance education seems to be a more viable option than a new committee, Bitterbaum said.

"I see that as a much better approach," he said. "Forming a committee takes faculty away from the most precious thing they do, which is teach and interact with students."

Though the faculty welfare committee proposed the idea, Bitterbaum says a number of faculty members from several areas of the College have expressed a negative reaction toward the resolution.

"I think there are quite a few faculty who would not serve on this committee," he said. "I think the faculty is divided."

"What I love about the College community is that we can freely discuss issues. This is just one of the issues we as a community have to look at and see where we go."

Nelson says he thinks the administration's approach to faculty concerns will affect faculty response to distance learning.

"I don't see this as generating a rift, but I think it would behoove the administration to look at faculty concerns," he said. "I think if the faculty sensed the administration was receptive to our ideas and suggestions, more faculty would be willing to try these distance learning courses." □



Korean exchange student Kibeom-Kim, senior English major, prepares Ramen noodles for dinner. Due to the economic crisis in many countries, foreign students at Missouri Southern are faced with financially uncertain futures in the United States.

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## Foreign students feel pain of Asian crisis

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

### Student LifeBeat



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Pound for pound, many foreign currencies aren't stacking up against the dollar like they used to.

It's largely the result of the worst global economic downturn since World War II.

Nastia Bokova wasn't left starving by the hyper-inflation that left the Russian economy tinkering on the brink of meltdown.

But she isn't eating out a lot. More importantly, the junior management and international business major at Missouri Southern doesn't know

how she'll pay her tuition next semester.

And Bokova, who has lived in the United States four years, has just cause for concern.

In July, the U.S. dollar was worth six rubles. Now it would take 20 rubles to buy \$1 worth of goods.

"From the first day I heard of it on the news, I knew we were getting into a hole we wouldn't be able to get out of," she says. "I don't know what I'm going to do next semester."

Worsening matters, a large number of banks in Russia have closed, crippling the ability of many employers to handle payrolls. Bank accounts have been frozen, and those that are accessible

cannot be converted to other currencies.

Bokova says a sense of despair has set in among Russians, many of whom continue working without payment. Her father, an officer in the Russian army, is paid with newly printed — and nearly worthless — Russian currency. And he is lucky. Most doctors and teachers haven't been paid anything in months.

"My parents have tried to help me before, but they can't now," Bokova says.

"People here understand the concept of what's going on, but they don't

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## INTERNATIONAL MISSION

# Swedish trip may add to exchange program

By ERIN SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

A cross-culture exchange program with Sweden may be the newest addition to Missouri Southern's international mission.

Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences; Jim Gray, dean of the school of business administration; and Jim Bray, head of the art department, left Wednesday for Sweden.

"I'm the tour guide," Bray said. "I know the people. I've been going to Sweden for 20 years. They're personal friends. I would like to assist

Mr. Gray and Dr. Martin not only in the linguistic problems of going back and forth, but with the introductions to the principal players on the Swedish side."

Martin, Gray, and Bray plan to visit Mallsjö Folkhögskola and Jonköping (yahn-shirping) University, both in central Sweden.

The "fact-finding" trip to Sweden hopes to serve two objectives: one concerning Southern's art department, the other concerning the school of business.

"We're meeting with the schools' officials to determine the best

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## INTERNATIONAL MISSION

# Finch presentation to focus on literature

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Literature! How sweet it is! will be the message of guest speaker Jacqueline Brice-Finch, professor of Africana literature at James Madison University.

She will be coming to Missouri Southern Tuesday to give presentations at 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Webster Hall auditorium. The presentations are sponsored by the Institute of International Studies.

Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English, will serve as a moderator for the morning sessions, which include a "free-wheeling" discussion with Brice-Finch.

Also on Tuesday, Dr. Peter Ukpokodu, chair of African and

African-American Studies at the University of Kansas, will be speaking at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Webster Hall Room 105. His topic is "The Donkey, The Philosopher, and the African Dramatist."

Brice-Finch received her bachelor's in English and French from Howard University, a master's in literature from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in English language and literature from the University of Maryland. She is a fifth-generation native of Washington, D.C. Brice-Finch knew from the age of 6 that her dream was to become a teacher.

"I have wanted to teach, to share ideas with others, and to indulge my passion to read,"

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## PHYSICAL PLANT

# Unidentified chemical waste causes scare for College officials, chemist

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

Disposing of the College's chemical waste caused a scare on campus last week when a chemist believed he may have found nitroglycerine in the Reynolds Hall bunker.

The bunker, located on the west

side of Reynolds Hall, was being cleaned out of chemicals that were of questionable origin.

"I've been here nine years, and it was here when I got here," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

Beeler says the College has a company that disposes of chemical waste on a quarterly basis, but the unmarked chemicals cannot be dis-

posed of without proper identification.

"We're talking about chemicals from way back which didn't have markings," Beeler said.

Because chemical waste must be carefully handled and identified, unknown substances require a chemist for examination.

"The chemist was taking a cursory

look at the chemicals in order to identify them for proper disposal when he came across three vials which looked suspicious," Beeler said.

"He just told us, 'We're not going to take that one.'"

Dyno Noble, Inc., came out at that time and identified the material as an assortment of diluted triglycerides.

"It was not explosive, as it turned out, and we were all relieved," Beeler said.

The College was able to dispose of the unidentified waste this semester due to funding.

"We finally accumulated enough money to clean out the bunker completely," Beeler said. "We have a line item in our budget for hazardous

waste, granted, but this was an extra expense."

Storage of such waste in an ordinary College facility may have been dangerous, according to Beeler, but the bunker is fire-safe.

"We are lucky to have the facility," he said.

"But we don't intend to have this problem again." □

## What's Inside

Stephanie Belt, freshman theatre major, is making her Southern stage debut as part of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* ... Arts, Page 7



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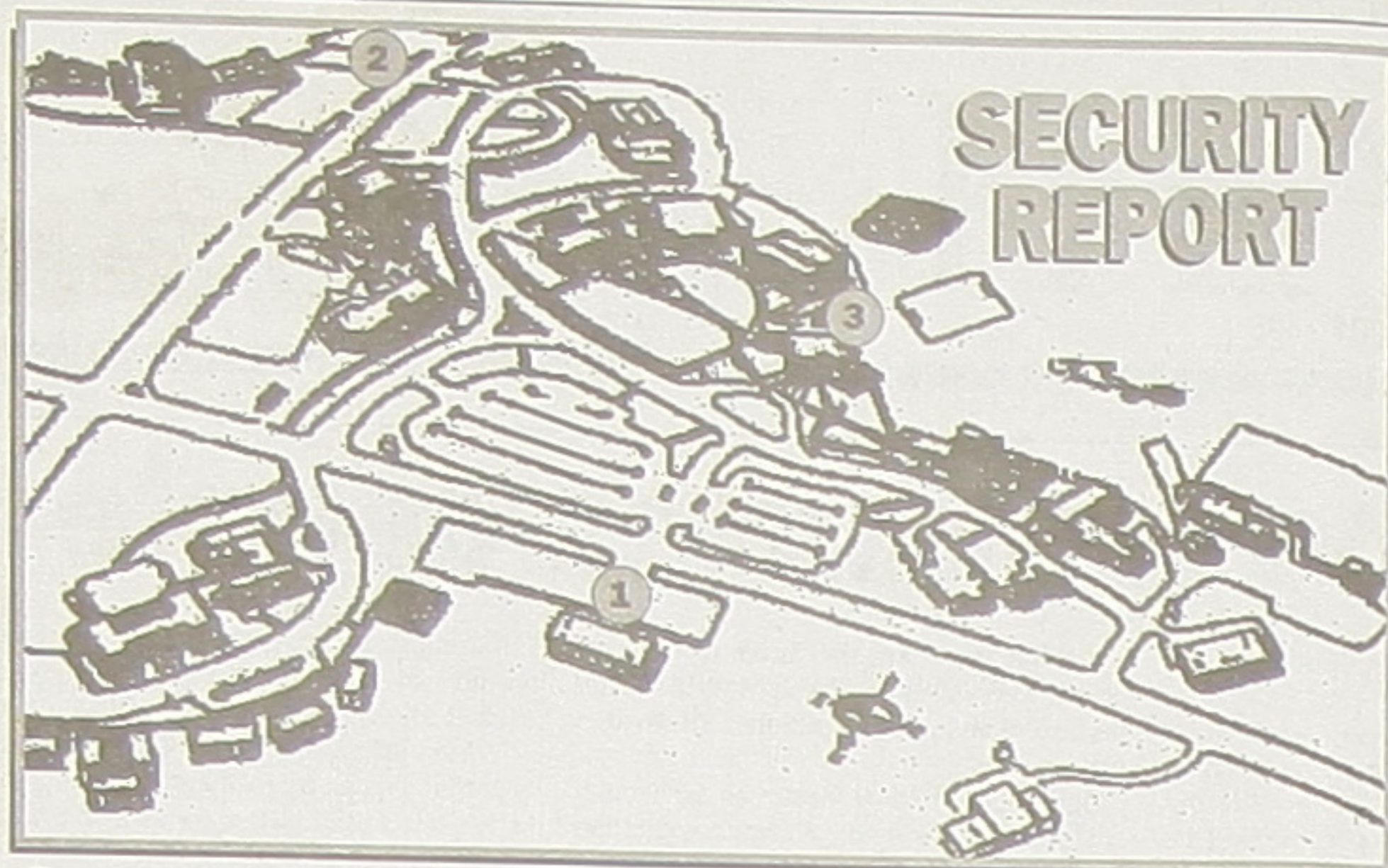
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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Board focuses on future

## Program plans to bridge gap between academics, reality

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern school of business soon will be benefiting from the expertise of both faculty and alumni alike.

The purpose of the advisory board is to help in the process of "bridging the gap between academics and reality."

It will do this by utilizing the skills of faculty and the first-hand experience of graduates who have succeeded in the business market.

The board will examine maintaining academic programs relevant to today's job market as well as maturing the school of business international program. It also details promoting the school of business.



James Gray  
Business Dean

"We're extremely interested in providing a graduate what will fulfill their needs," said James Gray, dean of the school of business. "We're going to listen to the advisory board as to exactly what those needs are."

Gray said the meeting will be held around Homecoming to give alumni a chance to get involved with some of the festivities.

"We have decided to meet the Friday before Homecoming," he said. "That will give us the opportunity to bring some of our alumni who are a considerable distance away back to campus not only for the meeting but for the Homecoming festivities."

Gray said Southern likes to have advisory board

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James Gray

Dean of the school of business

meetings twice a year, once in the fall and once in spring, to maintain the progress of the business school.

"We need to just be knowledgeable of what the school has to offer," said Robert Brothers, president of First National Bank in Rogers, Ark.

Michael Jennings, owner/operations manager of McDonald's restaurants, is looking forward to adding his input to the advisory board.

"I see it as a unique opportunity to use what I learned in school as well as in the real world by myself," he said.

The advisory board will have the opportunity to combine the knowledge of faculty and alumni to make the school of business as efficient as possible.

"I think this first meeting is going to be for us to find our way," Jennings said. "I look at it as a tremendous opportunity to give back to the school." □

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STUDENT SENATE

# Dolling out the dough

Finance committee quick on the draw

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Power does not easily find a way to enter the lives of Missouri Southern student senators.

Only when allocating funds to student groups is the Senate given the opportunity to flex enough legislative muscle to add fame or infamy to its reputation.

With more than 80 organizations potentially vying for limited funds, the Senate has established procedures for slicing the money pie. The normal maximum for appropriations is \$1,000 per semester per group.

"You have various organizations going on trips that are important to their major and important to their education," said treasurer Chad Brown. "That is why there is a single body to try to allocate the money to appropriate clubs, controlled by the students, not so much the administration."

The organization must find two senators to sponsor their proposal. When the completed form is returned to the office, it is dated and turned over to the Senate.

The Senate addresses three new requests each meeting until the coffers run dry.

Requests are placed on first reading in the order in which they were received. The next week, the request is placed on second reading.

"The finance committee meeting is really when they have the time to talk to the organization," she said.

The committee, led by the treasurer, is mandated to scrutinize the appropriation request closely. This thorough examination often leads to questioning of the efficiency of mode of transportation for trips.

The finance committee will make a recommendation to the Senate. The Senate will allow one representative of the organization to present its case and take questions.

"Always include reasoning on how the activity will benefit other Missouri Southern students," Fisk said. "That always seems to be the senators' No. 1 question."

If the allocation is approved, the treasurer turns in the form to the student services office, which submits the allocation to the business office. The organization picks up the check at the business office.

Senators must abstain from voting for allocations for organizations of which they are a member. An exception to this rule is when the Senate is allocating funds to itself. A recent exercise of this power met opposition from within when the Senate allocated \$100 to support its Homecoming candidates. □

## SENATE COFFERS

### OCT. 14 REQUEST:

■ Kinesiology Club

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$800

■ Alpha Psi Omega

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

■ WISE—

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

### CURRENT BALANCE:

\$4,800

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

NICK PARKER/The Chart

STUDENT SENATE

# Funds follow steady pace

Surplus in the coffers leaves senators freer to allocate

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

For the second consecutive week, the Student Senate allocated \$2,800 among three student organizations. The appropriations leave \$4,800 in the treasury.

President Jesse DeGonia said the Senate can now be freer to spend without worrying about neglecting clubs.

"I think the fact that we are getting further into the semester and we still have enough money is making senators a little bit more easy with allocating the funds," he said.

The Kinesiology Club requested \$1,000 to help finance attendance at its state convention at Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage Beach. The finance committee recommended \$600. Treasurer Chad Brown said the recommendation was low because of the bal-

ance of the club's treasury and that students already had paid some of the cost.

Alpha Psi Omega requested \$1,000 to attend Lighting Design International (LDI). Donald Leffert, club president, said the group had positive experiences at last year's event. Networking at LDI led to Leffert a job and other members learning technical skills.

The Senate followed the finance committee recommendation in granting \$1,000.

World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE) requested \$1,000 for a trip to San Antonio. Ellington said if the full amount was not granted, the club likely would request more money next semester.

The Senate moved to allocate \$1,000.

In announcements, DeGonia said the memorial service for Jason Oscar Johnson has been delayed. He said the postponement was caused by "red tape and bureaucracy" associated with planting a tree in his honor on campus.

Four senators were absent from proceedings: Kenny Brown, Henry Holmes, Heather Lewis, and Tom Williams. □

## WE NEED VOTES



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(From left) Brandon Lawson, mass communication major, and Brandon Wynn, biology major, display a poster supporting their homecoming king and queen candidates at the election on Tuesday.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

# Gubera's trip brings global view to class

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Past civilizations bringing new culture to classrooms is one of the benefits of a trip abroad.

For Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, this was his 12th summer spent traveling abroad to learn about other cultures and lay claim to Missouri Southern's international mission. From July 2 to Aug. 8, Gubera and other instructors from various colleges embarked on a mission to see how other countries have developed.

"There were 12 of us on the trip led by Dr. Michael Aung Tung, professor of Southeast Asian history and culture at the University of Hawaii," Gubera said.

Ten of the instructors were "fellows" of the East-West Center.

The instructors spent five weeks in the following countries: Thailand, Burma (Myanmar),

Cambodia, Indonesia, Java, and Bali.

The group left Cambodia the night before the general elections and amid tension in the country and traveled to Thailand where they visited universities, Buddhist temples, and the Grand Palace of the King. They also ventured into the jungles to the lost cities of Sukkathai, an elephant training station, and native villages. While in Burma, the entourage visited the former capital of Mandalay, the ancient civilization of Pagan, and returned to the present capital of Rangoon.

"We were always under the watchful eye of the Burmese military, which is a military dictatorship there," Gubera said.

In Indonesia, the instructors assessed the impact of the currency crisis and spent time at Bali, where they observed the effects of a pilgrimage and popular shrine.

Highlights of the trip making the greatest impression on Gubera were the remains of old cities, temples, and civilizations in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

"Another remarkable thing was the wealth they have put into temples, pagodas, and monasteries," he said. "Also, the rich heritage and effects of Buddhism upon the countries and the lingering effects of wars and rebellions on these countries."

Other things surprised Gubera. There was the continued relationship with the spirit world through Animism and ancestor worship. The Khmer Rouge, a political military revolutionary group featured in the movie *The Killing Fields*, has a continued presence throughout Cambodia.

And, the modernity of Thailand and Bangkok City was evident.

"You see the kids hanging out around the mall, and they seem a lot like American kids, and they are proud of that," he said.

"The personal experience has helped in the classroom, and the personal experience helps the students understand the culture much better," he said. □

# SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

## Journalism instructor to give media lecture

A special Africa Semester program at Missouri Southern will feature a lecture on "The Changing News Media of Africa" by Dr. William Hachten, professor emeritus at the school of journalism and mass communication at the University of Wisconsin. His lecture will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Sponsored by the Institute of International Studies at Southern, the program is free and open to the public.

Hachten is regarded as one of the leading experts on mass communications in developing nations, especially Africa. He was responsible for starting the department of journalism at the University of Ghana at Legon, where he was a Fulbright Scholar in 1972-73.

He has written a number of books, book chapters, and articles on international communication and the foreign press. His books include *The Troubles of Journalism: A Critical Look at What's Right and Wrong with the Press*, *The World News Prism: Changing Media of International Communication*, *The Growth of Media in the Third World: African Failures, Asian Successes, and The Press and Apartheid: Repression and Propaganda in South Africa*.

Hachten has done field research on mass media in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa, tropical Africa, France, and Germany. In 1985, at the request of the U.S. Information Agency, he conducted a workshop for Sudanese journalists and mass communicators in Khartoum, Sudan. □

## Southern offering free Russian classes

The International Language Resource Center at Missouri Southern is offering free Russian language classes this fall for children ages 6 to 13.

The classes are held from 4 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday at the Joplin Public Library.

Nastia Bokova, a native Russian who teaches in the Carl Junction school district, teaches the classes.

For additional information, persons may call 625-3109. □

## International food fest slated for next Friday

The International Club at Missouri Southern will host the fourth International Food Feast from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 at Forest Park Baptist Church.

International students and faculty from Southern will cook their favorite native dishes. Dishes from China, India, Russia, Germany, France, and other countries will be featured.

Ticket are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for Southern students and children under 12. For more information, persons may call 625-3109. □

## Homecoming royalty candidates selected

Thirty-six Missouri Southern men and women have been selected as Homecoming royalty candidates.

The Homecoming theme this year is "Southern Safari." Candidates were nominated by student organizations.

The royalty were selected during balloting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The finalists will be presented at the annual Homecoming all-campus cookout at noon, Oct. 23 in the oval area of the campus.

The Homecoming queen and king will be also be announced at that time.

All of the royalty candidates will participate in the Homecoming parade at noon on Saturday, Oct. 24 on campus. □

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

# Denniston to retire from Southern

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After teaching for 31 years, a chance to pursue writing and other areas of life are some of the reasons Dr. Elliott Denniston, professor of English, is planning retirement.

Denniston, who came to Missouri Southern in 1974, has taught a variety of classes, including College Composition I and II, English Literature, Short Story, English Drama to 1800, and Shakespeare. He remembers some of the highlights.

"I had a grant one summer to go to the National Endowment of

Humanities (NEH) seminar in Washington, D.C.," he said. "The topic was Shakespeare, and the other professors from various universities talked and analyzed the plays and acted out different roles. The whole experience was wonderful."

Denniston also had a one-year sabbatical in which he attended a Shakespeare festival in Stratford, England. The best part of the sabbatical was having a chance to write and do research, he said.

Inspiration for becoming an instructor was provided to Denniston by one of his former teachers.

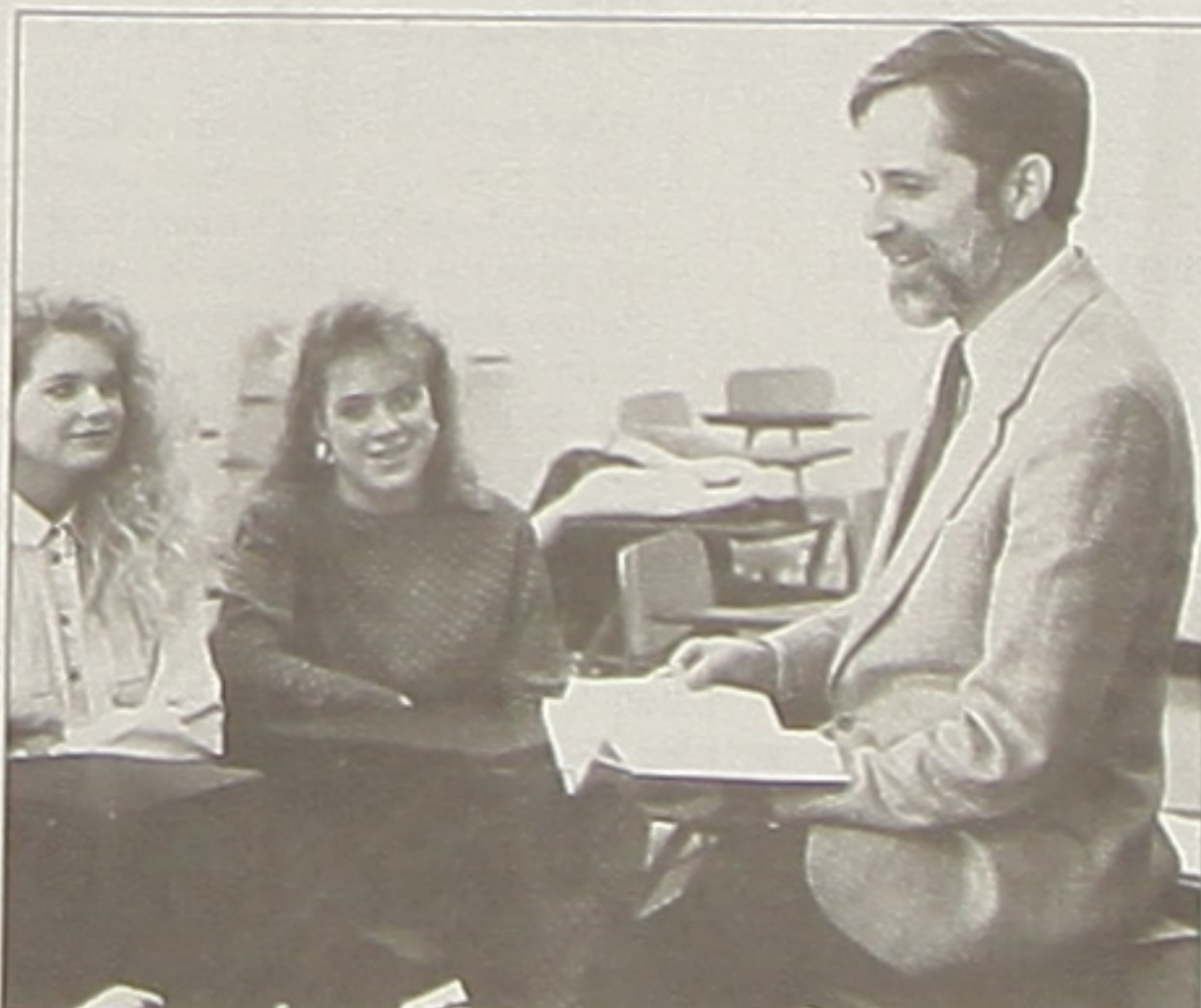
"I have always loved English and

literature, but what really made me decide to become a teacher was the way my seventh grade teacher conducted the class," he said. "He blew up at the class, and I thought I could do better than that."

Denniston said he will miss most the satisfaction of a student getting excited about literature or writing and sharing an insight that is fresh and original.

"I am very sorry to see him leave," said Dr. Ann Marlowe, professor of English. "He has been a bright spot in our department."

Dr. Dale Simpson, department head, will miss Denniston's expertise with Shakespeare and his personality. □



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Elliott Denniston will soon be teaching his last class at Southern.



## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Show faculty the money

As if the plates of college instructors were not already loaded down with the four-course bonanza of high education issues, they've been given a new course to chew on. A televised or Internet one.

The advent of televised and Internet courses has brought with its arrival a Pandora's box of financial and ethical concerns, ranging from what success videotaped courses would have in the learning process to who should prosper from their implementation.

The editorial staff of *The Chart* will not address the educational implications of videotaped courses, leaving that debate to the experts — the instructors. But the financial side of the discussion is clear-cut.

Instructors should profit from the distribution of their courses.

In the business world, the profits of a product's distribution are shared with its producer, in this case the instructor who has worked toward preparing the material for a class and presenting it in a learnable fashion.

Missouri Southern is the "middle-man" of the equation, necessary for the product's manufacture and disbursement, but not the engineer of its inception.

A patent-holder enjoys the right to profit from his or her creation. Instructors should have the same rights.

A farmer is entitled to profit off his or her produce, regardless of whether the government has subsidized commodity markets. The finer points of such a comparison might differ from the marketing of videotaped classes, but the argument is the same. Any decision made without the consent of the faculty would place a number of instructors at odds with the administration.

Southern is fortunate to have a high caliber of instructors. It would be unforgivable to see that strength diminished over something as trivial as profit-sharing.

That might prove to be a meal many wouldn't stomach. □

## Parking is a pipe dream

College officials would love to have students believe that for every frustrated and tardy commuter, there is a special parking place laying in wait underneath the bedrock just east of Bodon Field.

That every parking ticket received because that parking space is still underground will be annulled once this glorious fieldhouse and accompanying parking lot are completed.

That every rain delay in the completion date for these monoliths of modern engineering will only add luster to the shiny yellow stripes of that which will be asphalt tarmac nirvana.

The administration would like commuters to bare with the pain, and yes they DO feel your pain.

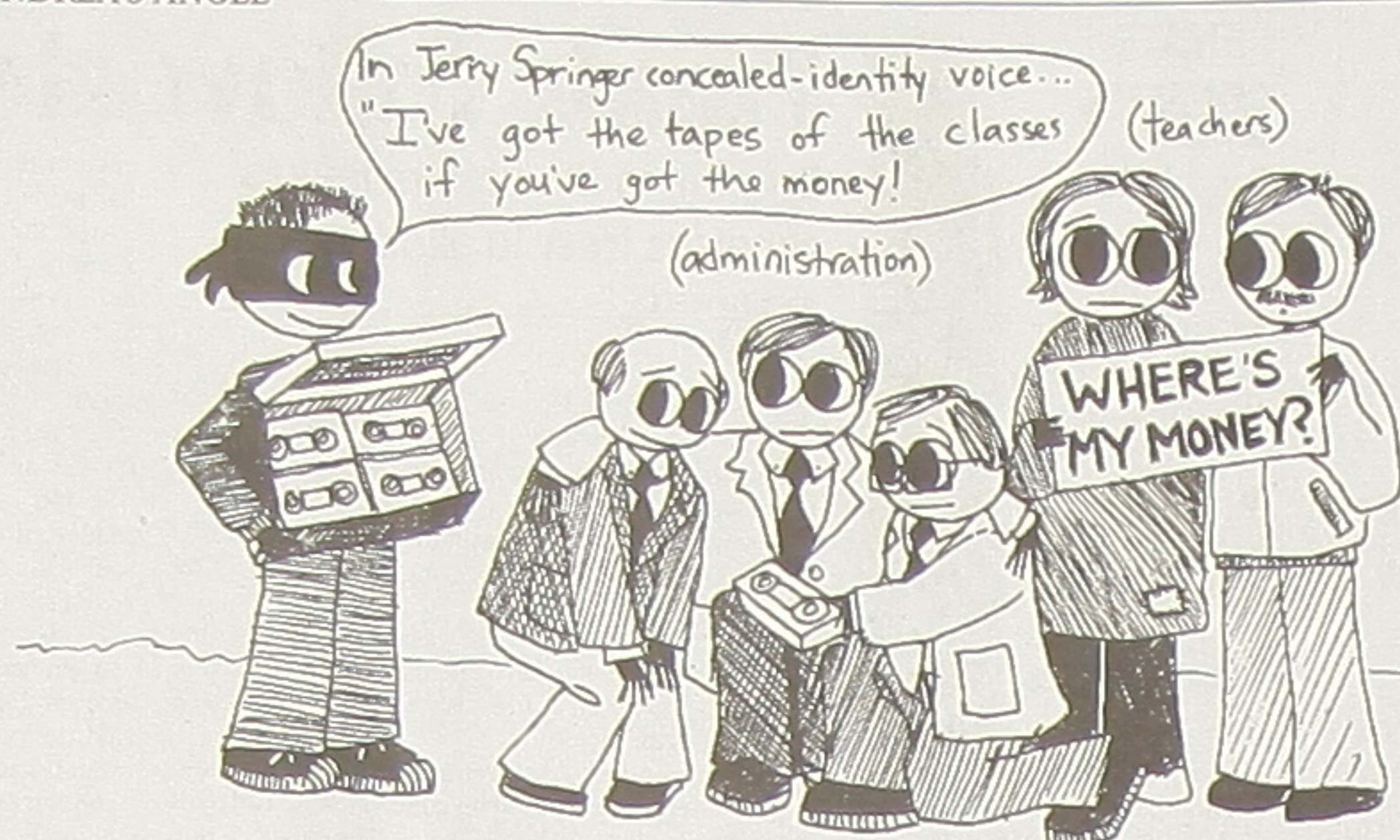
Because the fact of the matter is that the halfway point of the semester is upon us and the parking fiasco has not resolved itself in the timely manner we were assured of last month.

The administration would like us to be patient with them, even though the lot should have been completed in August.

But in return, they offer no sacrifice of their own.

If Southern students are to be asked (even though nobody asked) to sacrifice the parking spots they paid for, the parking tickets dolled out because of the lack of space should be voided. □

## ANDREA'S ANGLE



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Bigotry finds its roots in the family structure

Before I begin, I'd like to profess that I, in no way, claim to have all the answers to cure society's ills. I do, however, have fairly strong opinions, especially concerning the intense level of bigotry I have seen and heard throughout my 21 years.



Susie Frisbee  
Arts Editor

Sadly, most of the this hatred I've encountered has been in the last five years — the five years I've lived in the so-called Bible Belt.

The Bible says in 1 Timothy 4:12, "let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." This column is just one small part of my effort to set that example.

I grew up in small rural Iowa and Nebraska towns, not exactly areas where one would expect to be exposed to diverse races and alternate lifestyles. Though I grew up in strictly heterosexual, Caucasian populations, I did not become accustomed to hearing slurs regarding minority groups. Things did change, however, when my family and

I moved to southwest Missouri.

Perhaps when I lived in our northerly neighboring states, I was too young, too naive, or too blind to see the shadow bigotry was casting.

In my new high school, racial slurs, particularly aimed at African Americans, echoed off the walls of a school that had next to no minority races.

There were no African American students at my school, and some of my peers were determined to make sure it stayed that way. When two prospective African American students visited my school, they endured in one day the kind of hate I will probably not encounter in my lifetime.

The worst aspect in this scenario is most of the students inflicting this pain were students whose parents were God-fearing "Christians." (I will refrain from mentioning the denomination so as not to offend over half of the church-going community in southern Missouri.)

What's hardest for me to admit is that I had become desensitized to it. Only after a friend visited me from Iowa was I reminded of the extent of discrimination. The first thing he said to me after the initial hellos was that he couldn't believe how easily the "N" word rattled off the tongues of the people down here, especially in public establishments.

Though I do place blame on my high school counterparts, I am a firm believer that the finger should be pointed at the parents first. All too often, these parents fit the typical mold of the churchgoer who receives the reward of being seen making a contribution than to seek the true rewards God grants.

Racial injustice is not their only forte.

They are also the ones who point and gossip at single mothers after they choose to take on the toughest role of their lives, meanwhile preaching the evils of abortion.

No, I'm not against established religion, I'm against hypocrisy.

I've tried several times to reach a conclusion as to how bigotry, hate, and discrimination begin, but continually come to the same answer — fear.

Fear that finds its shelter in the arms of discrimination.

Fear of the differences these groups and individuals bring with them. Fear that one day the tables will be turned.

Matthew 7:1-2 proclaims this theory best by saying, "do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." □

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Amsterdam clashes with American perception

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Amsterdam, its mere mention brings up images of coffee shops, sidewalk eateries, and canals brimming full of sightseers. But after a quick visit to Amsterdam, a different view prevails and that is one of tolerance, or could it be indifference? Truth is to an American Amsterdam is full of drugs, sex, and generally weird people who want to dance with their pants off, that is if they had any on in the first place.



Alan Brady  
Senior,  
political science

But there is more to Amsterdam than these first impressions. Dutch society is known for its laxness and contradictions. In a liberal Europe, Holland is at the front of the line. One can easily be in the crowd at a spontaneous Jesus-loves-you rally merrily puffing away at a joint (true story, I witnessed it with my own eyes!).

On many areas of policy where the United States itself has stringent views, Holland simply has none, a sort of live and let live, or a don't ask, don't

tell order upon subjects taboo. And the rule of thumb is if you don't like the activities then don't partake in them.

But with all this permissiveness, the question arises, is this progressiveness or is it plain indifference on the part of its citizens? The question could be part of the answer.

Holland is not foreign to intolerance, in its occupations in the past, first by the Spanish and the successive Flemish wars, they beseeched it with religious intolerance. Then came the French under Napoleon, and later the British squashed their rights of self-determination. It ended with the ominous German Nazis, who preached ethnic intolerance and racial superiority. This was alas the temporary home of Anne Frank, where she was forced to wear a yellow star identifying her as a Jew and later forced to hide in a loft for fear of persecution, which befell her in the end.

Today, because of their past, one can say the Dutch are progressive or more so aggressive in similar policies that face the United States today. For example, gays have been part of the military since 1978 in Holland, and gay people enjoy many rights such as marriage and anti-discriminatory laws that protect them and not available anywhere

else in Europe. This does not mean that they approve of the behavior involved, but they stress that they have nothing against homosexuals as a whole.

This view is also widely held in policies concerning drug use. The Dutch see drug use as a medical problem that warrants medical attention.

They classify drugs into two categories: hard drugs such as heroin and opium, and soft drugs such as marijuana, and hashish. Drug use is allowed with the selling of drugs being illegal but allowed by authorities (another contradiction). The Dutch stress that they don't approve of the behavior but that they don't have anything against the drug users themselves as one would not have anything against someone who has cancer. As they refute the idea that a user, who starts at marijuana will end up eventually using heroin.

While this tolerance of risqué practices does have its roots in past Dutch history, it is more of a do-want-you-want-but-don't-get-me-involved attitude that borders on indifference. And so that is the setting for this 800-year-old city known as Amsterdam.

Brady is serving an internship through the State Department at The Hague in the Netherlands. □

## YOUR LETTERS

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## Boats in moats bill would victimize the weak

This November, Missouri citizens will have a chance to vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Missouri concerning the riverboat casinos on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Simply stated, this amendment would make it legal to dig a moat around a building near a river and call it a boat. Proponents of this bill could come up with several arguments. Number one: Riverboat gambling is part of Missouri's history.

(Granted, but so is slavery. Missourians were also in the habit of either running their enemies out of town or lynching them in the streets.)

Number two: If this bill is voted down, the state stands to lose anywhere from \$95 million to \$170 million from casinos that would have to be shut down. (Hey, good point! If the bill passes, we maybe could generate even more revenue by "selling" the Gateway Arch to eager "investors.") I

can't even think of a third argument.

My argument is more about the gambling itself than anything. It preys on the weak and those who need to save their money the most. It promotes crime and irresponsibility. But even so, a stationary casino, surrounded by an artificial pond, is hardly a riverboat.

Daniel Andelin  
Freshman biology major



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## I AM TIGER WOODS!



Bryana Fortner, 9, Carl Junction, plays a round of miniature golf with her family Wednesday evening at Rangeline Golf Center.

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## JOPLIN HOUSING AUTHORITY

## Community houses help find solutions

### Homes spur sense of unity throughout neighborhoods

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Children's activities, financial management, phone message retrieval, and neighborhood bonding are just a few things a person could find at one of Joplin's community houses.

There are community houses at three Joplin locations: Second Street and Connor Avenue, 20th Street and Porter Avenue, and 225 McKee St.

Each house has its own neighborhood board, consisting of 12 members, who meets once a month to plan activities and keep the houses maintained with the help of the Housing Authority.

"We have rummage sales, Boy Scout meetings, a homework center, neighborhood block parties, and a sewing club meets here," said Kathi Murphy, an Economic Security employee who works at the community house on Connor two days a week.

A back-to-school party was held at one community house for children along with summer activities ranging from Animal the Clown to Humane Society presentations.

Helping one another is something Murphy believes she sees in people with the houses in the neighborhoods.

"I think it really builds a sense of community within the people," she said. "They begin to help each other more."

At the community houses, people receive help finding jobs and utility assistance. Anyone can visit the houses, and a person does not have to be from that particular neighborhood to use the facility.

"These houses are places where people who have problems can go to find some solutions," said Matt Moran, code enforcement officer for the Community Development Office.

"Financial management, maintaining personal property, and domestic problems are a few more services we offer," he said.

Each house is open two days a week. The hours are posted on the doors.

When the city of Joplin was turned down for an Enterprise Zone Enterprise Community Grant in 1994, and after a few neighborhood meetings, the city of Joplin, Economic Security, and a few churches believed the idea of a community house was worthwhile.

Bill Christman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, helped, along with fellow church members to get the houses started.

"I chaired a neighborhood meeting where the people decided there was a need for three houses in disadvantaged areas around Joplin," he said. "We staffed the houses until there were replacements and also had rummage sales to help furnish them."

Upcoming events are neighborhood cleanups, where trees along parkways will be trimmed. Also, neighborhood committee members will decorate homes with Christmas tree lights.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Duenweg begins boundary expansion process

The city of Duenweg is looking to expand its boundaries as the Board of Aldermen voted last week to proceed with proposed annexation plans.

The proposal will expand the limits to the north and south and fill in areas inside current limits not currently part of the city. Duenweg hopes to benefit from a proposed Range Line bypass that would run along the western edge.

The expansions will increase the size of the city from 4.2 to 6.49 square miles.

### Project ReDirectory aims to recycle old phone books

Southwestern Bell, the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce's community enhancement committee, and Joplin's recycling department are sponsoring Project ReDirectory. The aim of the project is to collect old phone books for recycling. Southwestern Bell began distributing new telephone books this month. Collection bins will be set up at the following locations in Joplin: Spiva Center for the Arts, 222 W. Third; Dillons, 1402 E. 20th St.; and Wal-Mart Supercenter, 1501 Range Line.

### Webb City endorses \$5.2 million budget

The Webb City City Council approved a \$5.2 million proposed budget on first reading this week. The budget includes \$4,000 in raises for the city clerk, the street superintendent, the fire chief, and the police chief. Other city officials received raises in 1997. After the increase, these officials will earn \$34,000.

Final approval of the budget is expected at the council's Oct. 26 meeting.

### Nominees named for vacant commission post

The committees for the leading political parties in Jasper County have stated their preferences for filling the County Commission vacancy.

The Republican nominees are Gary Coates, Ronald Ferguson, and Don Davis. The Democrats submitted Ben Johnson, Gale Knight, and Michael Moss. The U.S. Taxpayer's party selected Stephen Alger.

The slot became available after Mike Cloud's resignation. Gov. Mel Carnahan will select a replacement, most likely from the submitted lists, to serve the remainder of Cloud's term.

### Donated cellular phones protect violence victims

The United States Cellular Corporation is donating 11 cellular phones and service to protect victims of violence.

Six phones are going to the Joplin Police Department and five to the Lafayette House. Each phone will be programmed to provide speed dial to 911 and various law enforcement sources. The phones will be loaned to individuals on an as-needed basis for five days.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## Crime-fighting programs provide alternatives

By CASSIE HOMBS  
STAFF WRITER

Programs such as the Joplin Boys and Girls Club, the Joplin Family Y, and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) are not only keeping children off the streets, but are making a daily effort to reduce the crime rate.

These community-oriented organizations fight the ongoing battle of drugs, alcohol, and violence to steer children onto the right path.

"The Boys and Girls Club is a fun place to hang out after school," said James Ward, unit director of the club. "We have educational programs that teach them to be productive citizens, but we do so much more for them than that. The Boy's and Girl's Club provides a moral backbone for these kids. It gives them character."

The Club, which services 6- to 18-year-olds, deals mainly with children who are victims of mental and emotional abuse.

With a staff consisting of employees and volunteers, Ward said they have two goals in mind.

"We provide a different place for them than being on the street," he said. "First, we want them to get in there and have fun. Then we try to build relationships with them. We do everything we can to build well-rounded, positive adults."

Other programs are stepping up to the challenge as well. Many area police officers and deputy sheriffs are involved in a program that reaches out to elementary school children called DARE.

This program teaches children the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

The program is taught by officials because one of the goals of the program is to reduce the fear children have toward officers.

"The DARE program is a deterrent against crime, because kids learn to feel more comfortable around police officers," said Dan Hathcock, a Webb City police officer.

Brian Hinkle, a Newton County deputy sheriff, also teaches DARE.

"This program is great because it gives kids alternatives to drugs and alcohol," Hinkle said. "It teaches them to say no and boosts their self-esteem."

These programs also make an effort to reduce crime.

"Students are less likely to get involved in crime if they have these relationships formed with police officers," Hathcock said. "They might even want to grow up to be a police officer."

The Joplin Family Y also offers programs to help guide impressionable children. A latch key program, various fitness and educational classes, and activity days (offered on days when school is closed) are all used to give children an alternative to being on the streets.

"We hope our programs have lowered the crime rate," said Hollee Johanson, membership director of the Joplin Family Y. "We hope to have had a positive effect on the community. We aim at protecting and guiding the children."

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

## County voters to decide variety of issues, contests

### Incumbent Republicans face no opposition

By BRIAN WIRTH  
STAFF WRITER

November is coming soon, and that means election time.

Two special elections are on the Nov. 3 ballot.

One is to decide if the city of Oronogo should impose a sales tax of one half of 1 percent for the purpose of funding capital improvements.

That may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded

indebtedness in lieu of the personal property tax.

The other special election is for the Jasper County Emergency Services board. The election is to decide a board member for the Eastern District. Bill (Butch) Rowland and Gerald D. Gardner are both running for this position. Also, Harlan Snow and Patrick Kelly are running for the board member-at-large position.

The Circuit Court judge positions look likely to be swept by the Republicans. Republican David C. Dally is running uncontested for Div. 2 Circuit Court judge. Republican Joseph W. "Joe" Schoeberl is running uncontested for the associate Div. 4 Circuit Court judge position. Republican

Richard Copeland is also running uncontested for the associate Div. 5 Circuit Court judge position.

Democrat Jana S. Dahmen and Republican Danny Hensley are running for presiding commissioner of the County Commission.

Democrat Kathleen Leary McGuire and Republican Linda Williams are running for clerk of the Circuit Court position.

Many of the following offices on the ballot look as if they are going to be filled by Republicans.

Republican Jim Lobby is running uncontested for clerk of the County Commission position. Republican Edie Swingle Neil is running uncontested for recorder of deeds

position. Republican Dean Dankelson is running uncontested for the prosecuting attorney position. Republican Stephen H. Holt is running uncontested for the collector of revenue position. Republican Shirley Norris is running uncontested for the county auditor position.

The last position to be filled has both parties going for it. Democrat Ronald C. Mosbaugh and Republican Mike Randolph are running for the county coroner position.

The last and final local issue to be decided on this year's ballot is whether Judge Robert S. (Bob) Barney of the Southern District Court of Appeals should be retained in office.

### MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule.

#### Lecture

Tuesday, November 17, 1998 - 12:20 p.m.-WH210

#### Test

Tuesday, December 1, 1998 - 12:20 p.m.-WH210

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in Dec. 1998; May 1999; or July 1999 who have not taken U.S. Gov't. or State and Local Gov't. in a Missouri college should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before Nov. 12 to sign up to take the test.

**Please Note:** Students taking this test must pay a \$5 fee to the Business Office H-210 prior to taking the test and present your receipt to the instructor when you go to the test room.

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•Comm 305 - Intercultural Comm. (WI)  
Line #0319

3:00 - 4:15 WH-307

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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# Around Campus

## Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



**Zeta Tau Alpha** sorority celebrated its 100th anniversary on Thursday, October 15. The sorority was founded at Longwood College in Virginia.

**Today  
16**  
7:30 p.m.—

Southern Theatre Production, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" through Oct. 17th.

**Monday  
19**  
Noon till 6 p.m.—

Fall Freak-Out, live bands, laser tag  
7:30 p.m.—  
Janet Kavandi lecture, Webster Hall auditorium

**Wednesday  
21**  
11 a.m.—

AmeriServe Food Show, BSC 2nd floor lounge

**Thursday  
22**  
6:30 p.m.—

Homecoming Talent Show, Taylor Auditorium, free to everyone

### BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## Leggett prepares for medical career

By JO BETH HARRIS  
STAFF WRITER

If maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average isn't enough for an honors program student, Gretchen Leggett also juggles being a lab assistant, teaching dance, and planning a wedding.

Leggett, a senior biology major, hopes to attend medical school.

"I think she's a top-notch student — one of the best I've seen," said Dr. Gerald Schlink, associate professor of biology. "Definitely in the top 10 percent of students I've encountered at MSSC."

To prepare for her career in medicine, Leggett has taken advanced science classes since high school. She has, in fact, been planning her career since junior high.

"In seventh grade I started developing an interest in life science and anatomy," Leggett said.

Leggett has also been a volunteer for the past several years at Freeman Hospital West. She has worked in the neonatal intensive care unit and the nursery.

Leggett has also been a floorwalker, which is a nice word for errand girl. She went from one area to another on each floor doing any errands the doctors and nurses might have for her. Leggett has currently put in 618 hours of volunteer work.

She volunteered this summer with two doctors in the form of an internship. One of the doctors was Dr. John Finley, a plastic surgeon.

The other was quite a different type of doctor. Dr. Michael Simmons is chief of staff at

the Girard, Kan., hospital.

By seeing two vastly different fields of medicine, Leggett experienced a broad view of the medical spectrum. She has yet to decide which field of medicine to pursue.

"I've liked everything I've done so far, so it will depend on what specialists are needed at the time," Leggett said.

She has been busy during her college career with extracurricular activities. A member of the dance line since it started three years ago, she performs at football and basketball games. Leggett, who has taken dance lessons since the age of 4, also teaches some private dance lessons in her spare time. She still dances for special events such as Viva Los Ninos, where she performed a dance solo.

Leggett is the vice president of the Pre-Professional Biology Club, a member of the Student Alumni Association, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, an honor society.

With all of her other activities, Leggett has one major activity to keep her busy this semester. She is planning her January wedding.

One of the most important events in Leggett's college career has been the research for her senior colloquium for the honors program. Along with her partner, Amanda Costley-Drake, Leggett has completed a research project about food irradiation.

"She did an excellent job doing the research involved, writing a grant, and collecting data," Schlink said.

Leggett and Costley-Drake have presented this presentation around the country at sev-



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Gretchen Leggett, senior biology major, works as a lab assistant in Reynolds Hall when not busy with other activities including volunteer work and teaching dance.

eral important meetings. One of the trips, for the National Environmental Health Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., was entirely paid for by the Centers for Disease Control.

This was quite an honor because only five presentations across the country were selected by the CDC.

"Gretchen is well liked and will be sorely missed after May," Schlink said. □

### CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD



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Freshmen Amy Collins, mass communications major, and Robby Ball, undeclared major, proceed to the show last Thursday.

## Record numbers show for events

### Fall semester agenda includes trips, games, lectures, campus celebrations

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Making a job out of keeping the populous of Missouri Southern entertained, the Campus Activities Board has several events lined up for the coming months.

The Fall Freak-Out starts at noon Monday in the oval. Desiree Peterson, CAB vice president and junior graphic arts major, said two main activities will take place.

"There's going to be laser tag, which is free for Missouri Southern students," she said. "We're going to have six live bands, four of which we know for sure, two we don't know yet, so it's to be announced."

Peterson said the four bands scheduled are Four Fifty-Six, Sweet Lament, Ten Fold, and Carbon Star.

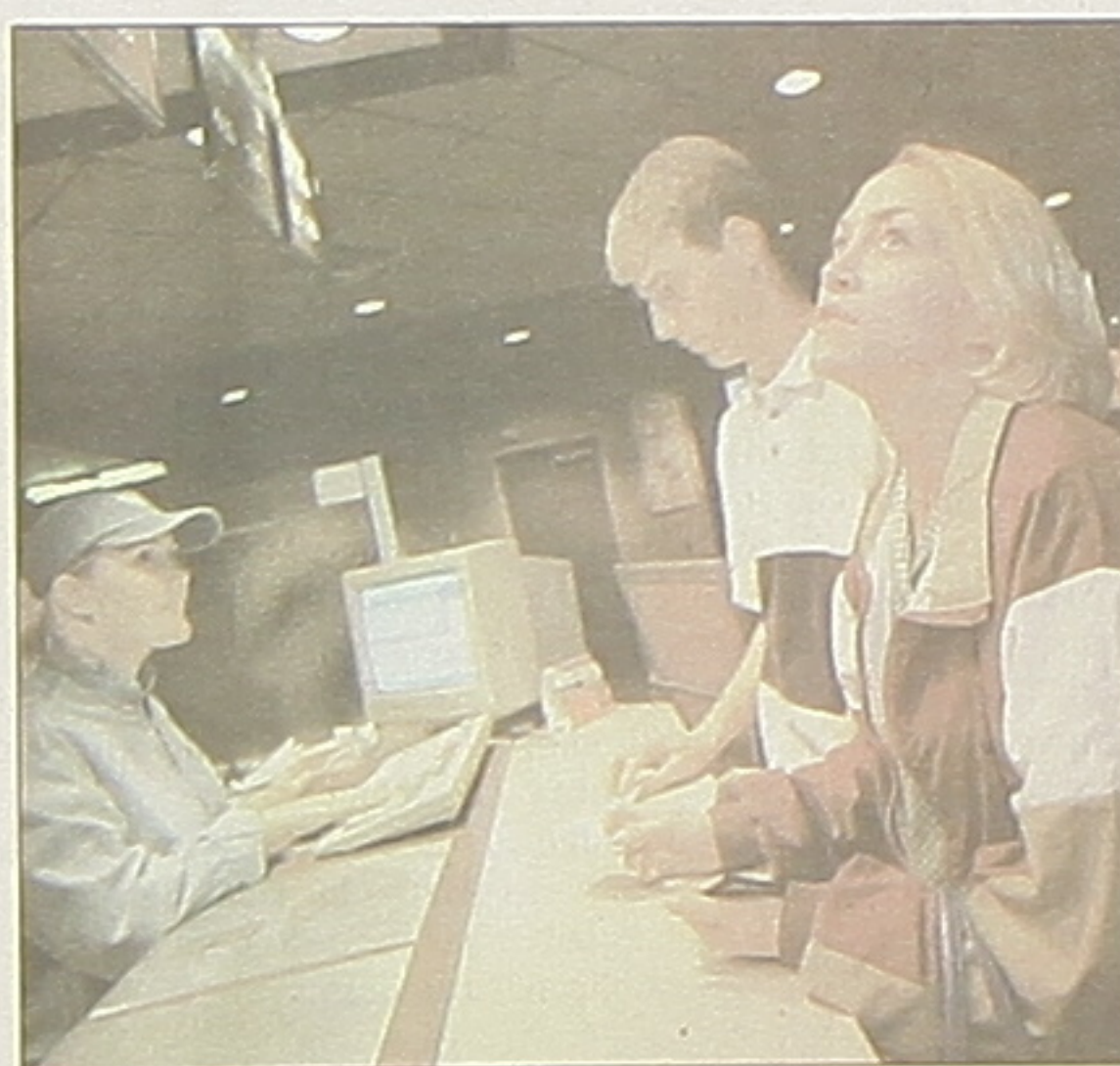
"Every single one of the bands has at least one person in it who is a Missouri Southern student," she said. "So we're trying to support our students, get a little more of the campus involved."

"The whole Fall Freak-Out is College-oriented," Peterson. "There's going to be booths where any club that wants to can have a fund-raiser or just get their name out."

"So far we have about 10 or 15 for sure. Anybody else that wants to do it can; all they have to do is show up and grab a table. They don't have to make reservations, and we can't save a spot, so it's first come, first serve."

The CAB is bringing in Jello Biafra for a 7 p.m. performance on Thursday, Oct. 29 in Taylor Auditorium.

"He kind of just speaks his mind on whatever he wants to talk about, education, the economy, politics, whatever," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "The lecture that we have in November is a man named Lloyd Acerbach. He talks



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Coral Shoe and Carl Koenig, sophomore pre-med majors, show their student IDs to get into CAB's free movie night.

about investigations of the paranormal."

That presentation will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 in Webster Hall auditorium.

Some of the activities the CAB already has sponsored this semester have had strong turnouts.

The CAB movie night was attended by 637, and the CAB Titanic party was attended by 274, with a record number of 90 pizzas being served.

Carlisle said there are a few other activities the CAB would like to plan this semester.

"Maybe a hockey trip," she said. "We're planning a Christmas shopping trip, but we haven't decided where yet. Lectures is out of money, so he won't be able to do anything else this semester, but we've already got stuff planned for next semester."

Carlisle said the Christmas formal dance will be held at the end of the semester.

"We're cutting down on the dances simply because one a month doesn't really seem necessary, so we're going to do a beginning of the year, then a Homecoming and Christmas dance," she said. □

### SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

## Department expands class choice

### Newsletter details progress of technology curriculum

By JANA BLANKENSHIP  
STAFF WRITER

Bigger and better is the word this year in the CADD, CAMT, and MIMS department.

The department has come out with its newsletter titled "Toys and Boys." The newsletter is designed to list achievements and formalize what's going on inside the programs, said Dr. J.S. Duggal, department head.

"We are doing this to inform friends we've made over the years and the College community," he said.

Three new pieces of equipment, a laser digitizer, a coordinator measuring machine, and a high-tech digitizing machine, have enabled Missouri Southern to offer two new courses starting in the 1999 spring semester. The new courses are Reverse Engineering and Injection Mold Making.

Reverse engineering takes a product and puts it on a reverse engineering machine where it then makes a 3-D drawing out of it. The computer makes modifications of the product.

"It can save a lot of time," Duggal said. "Instead of re-engineering, you can reverse engineer."

Injection Mold Making is the only such course offered in this area. Duggal said the College is fortunate to have such access.

In July, Duggal took a trip to Trinidad, West Indies, with Francis Bartholet, assistant professor of computer aided drafting and design. Over the course of the trip, the two discussed a possible student/faculty exchange and ways to improve training with the University of West Indies, Donaldson Technical Institutes, and a Trinidad-based training facility, MIC.

"We wanted to check on international missions and see what kind of contributions we could make," Duggal said. "We wanted to see what kind of training we could provide."

Steve Reed, a faculty member from Franklin Technical School, has come to Southern to teach manufacturing classes. Students come from Franklin Tech for the classes. Duggal said some of the classes are offered for dual credit.

There are three programs in the department. The first, Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD), offers a two-year associate degree. It is designed to prepare students for drafting and design work.

"The good thing about it is that there is 100 percent placement," Duggal said. "Some students are employed even before they graduate."

Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology (CAMT) also offers a two-year associate degree. Manufacturing Information Management Systems (MIMS) places emphasis on modern-day computer applications and offers graduates a bachelor's degree.

"All our programs are hands-on," Duggal said. "That way the graduate has an advantage." □



# Exhibit spotlights cancer

By SCOTT MEEKER  
STAFF WRITER

The brightly colored images of Hollis Sigler's paintings are often in direct contrast to the messages and thoughts of loneliness and despair written around the edges of the canvas and frame. "I felt like my body had betrayed me," reads one. "Disease does that...like bits and pieces of myself are being snatched from my person when I wasn't looking. I realized life is a process."

Sigler, a Chicago artist currently battling her third reoccurrence of breast cancer, is one of four women whose art was chosen for "Shattered Images: The Faces of Breast Cancer." Presented by George A. Spiva Center for the Arts, the exhibit is sponsored by St. John's Regional Medical Center and the St. John's Center for Women's Health as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In addition to Sigler's paintings, the exhibit also features photographs and sculptures by Hannah Wilke, Christine Federighi, and Shari Hartbauer. All four women have had their work exhibited extensively around the country.

"Hollis Sigler is probably the artist most recognized internationally," said Darlene Brown, director of Spiva and coordinator of the exhibit. "She decided that she would share her experiences through her artwork. She has been coined as the artist who broke the silence of breast cancer."

Wilke began photographing her mother after she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a mastectomy. The photographs cover a 10-year span, until both she and her mother succumbed to the disease.

She was the recipient of three separate awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, and her work has also received international attention.

Federighi, an artist living in Florida, has created images that are "very spiritual," according to Brown.

"Her work deals with the symbolism of the house being the temple of the body and the natural elements of water and green life as a healing power within us," she said.

Hartbauer, a staff photographer with the KU Medical Center, has photographed views of the disease from a medical standpoint. Her photographs have captured women with breast cancer, the process of a mastectomy, and reconstructive surgery.

"The purpose of this exhibit is to increase the awareness of breast cancer," Brown said. "Hopefully, it will get the public to react by ensuring that the women in their lives have yearly mammograms and exams."

Located at 222 W. Third in downtown Joplin, Spiva is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibit runs through Nov. 8. □



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Stephanie Belt, freshman theatre major, has the lead role in Missouri Southern's production of *The Mousetrap*. Belt says strong self-discipline has helped her balance her work in the classroom with her work on the stage.

## Freshman lands lead role

Belt makes college debut on Southern stage

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ARTS EDITOR

Unlike athletes who get to showcase their talents and hard work weekly, those in the theatre department spend long, grueling hours rehearsing for an event that will be over in just a few short days.

It's up to the director, cast, and crew to ensure the production goes off without a hitch. Particular pressure is placed on the plays' lead roles, too. In this week's production of *The Mousetrap*, the female lead who will carry this weight upon her shoulders is freshman Stephanie Belt.

Belt's reaction to learning she had won the lead role is not uncommon for freshmen.

"I was really surprised," she said. "I didn't expect it at all just because I was new, and they really didn't know anything about me."

Belt, a relative newcomer to the world of the theater, began her stage career her junior year at Joplin High School. During her tenure there, Belt took an active role both in front and behind the scenes doing costume work.

Besides acting in such plays as *South Pacific*, *The Prime Time Crime*, and *Annie Get Your*

*Gun*, she also had the opportunity to student direct a play titled *Nobody Sleeps*.

"That was an awesome experience because it helped me have a better understanding of what a director does and the work that goes into directing," she said.

Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, who directs *The Mousetrap*, believes Belt is a rare find.

"You don't come across Stephanie's very often," Johnston said. "She's at the beginning of her education, and I just think she's going to fly."

Johnston also believes Belt possesses characteristics most often found beyond her young years.

"Stephanie is extremely disciplined, unusually so," Johnston said. "She is very level headed, and she accepts criticism as an instrument of growth."

Belt believes she shares an essential common goal with her director.

"I feel like I've learned a lot from her because we feel the same about a lot of the same things, about sharing your talents," Belt said. "That's kind of why I do theater, because I feel like God gave everyone a talent, and it's up to them to discover what their talent is."

It's Belt's discipline that has helped her accomplish a task many college students struggle with.

"Trying to balance long rehearsals and

school at the same time is very difficult," she said. "I've had to learn how to manage my time."

Managing her time means making time for school, studying, and taking part in four- to five-hour-long rehearsals. However, Belt has also learned that although college theater allows its participants to have more defined roles than in high school, the demands are stronger.

"Once you get almost finished with one, you have another one or you have auditions for another one," she said. "It's a continuous cycle."

Belt has also begun rehearsals for a children's play titled *Tarradiddle World*, slated for Dec. 5-6.

Belt can be seen in her college theater debut at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday in *The Mousetrap* in Taylor Auditorium.

Belt believes the experience she is receiving at Missouri Southern is rare in college theater.

"It was very appealing because freshmen here get to start doing things right when they come in, which is really important because some places you don't even get to audition for shows until you're a junior and senior," she said.

"I feel like when I come out of here, I will have a lot of experience, and I can say, 'I can do that.' □

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# Arts Showcase

## Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.

Missouri Southern's Fall Freak-Out

■ Fall Freak-Out helps kick off Homecoming activities, starting at noon until 6 p.m. in the oval part of the main campus. Several area bands will perform.

Fri., Sat.  
16-17

7:30 p.m.

Southern Theatre presents *The Mousetrap* tonight and Saturday in TPAC. Admission is \$3, \$1 for senior citizens/ high school students.

Monday  
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The Spiva Art Gallery will be hosting the "Africa Through the Eyes of Women Artists" exhibit, which will run through November 19. Admission is free.

Tuesday  
27

7:30 p.m.

Senior Vocal Recital—Kendra Smith Webster Hall Auditorium.

## Seinfeld rhetoric continues to make audiences laugh

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER



Eric Gruber  
Staff Writer

Jerry Seinfeld, *I'm Telling You for the Last Time* (Universal Records) —

Graduating can be a sad time when a life once lived is departed from and a new journey lies ahead unknown.

Fortunately, however, Jerry Seinfeld left behind a yearbook for anyone to relive the nostalgia of one hilarious alma mater.

His debut album, *I'm Telling You for the Last Time*, highlights a live performance by the household name comic. His purpose was sim-

ple — to give a final performance of the material he'd built his kingdom of laughter upon and to give others the pleasure of being able to hear it again anytime they desire.

Seinfeld begins his performance by starting to give a little of the history of The Broadhurst Theater, the building he is performing in. No sooner than he begins, an audience member's cell phone rings, and the comedy has no choice but to begin.

"Let me get that," he says. "That's for me, I asked them to hold my phone."

This unplanned catalyst begins the 72 minutes of comedy that "Seinfeld" watchers have grown to

love over the years. He makes his petition over the course of the album for people to laugh with classic Seinfeld humor, which examines the everyday occurrences in life.

Seinfeld flows gracefully from one topic to the next, ranging from Halloween to McDonald's, air travel to supermarkets, and scuba diving to bathrooms.

The entire album is covered with his own personal satisfaction. Listeners can hear, with every inflection and change in tone, the sound of a man who enjoys his work. At times, he even finds himself laughing at his own performance.

The only drawback of the performance is that most of his material has been heard before. Much of the album uses humor that is taken from the intros of almost every "Seinfeld" episode and his No. 1 *New York Times* bestseller book, *SeinLanguage*.

Overall, *I'm Telling You for the Last Time*, is a stellar performance by a great comic.

As the world waits for the next batch of humor from Seinfeld, this album makes a great collection of his everyday comedy.

Congratulations, Seinfeld, you've graduated head of the class — with honors. □



MSIPC

## Military lifestyle provides life skills

Extensive travels bring Tate onto Southern campus

By BROOKS-ELIZABETH GRAVES  
CHART REPORTER

From serving as a buck sergeant in the Air Force to counseling at United Cerebral Palsy in Los Angeles, Calif., Tracy Tate is a jack-of-all-trades.

And now, the 35-year-old Tate has filled the position as secretary for the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

Serving in the Air Force was nothing new for Tate. Her father was a communications staff sergeant from 1963-69.

"One of my greatest achievements was being physical during boot camp, because I've never been real active physically," Tate said. "I'd have to say



Tracy Tate  
MSIPC secretary

running was a strain."

She was ranked as a buck sergeant, which is between a first class airman and a staff sergeant. She was a medical administrative specialist in a hospital. Tate left the services for personal reasons.

She also worked as a resident counselor for United Cerebral Palsy for a year and a half.

Tate has two siblings, a brother, Darril, and a sister, Jaime. Darril also enlisted and is currently a staff sergeant on the F1-15 navigation system, while Jaime is an orthodontist. Both are Southern graduates.

Due to her father's career, the Tate family lived abroad. From Italy to the Philippine Islands her family had the opportunity to experience other cultures. During her stay in the Philippines, Tate remembered the many blackouts from tropical storms.

"We wouldn't have power for three or four days at a time," she said.

Not only was the climate considerably different, but so were the customs.

"For example, if you were to get someone's attention when they were across a room you would wave them over with their whole hand," Tate said. "Otherwise, you were addressing them as they would a pet dog."

Tate's family also lived in Missouri, Kansas, South Carolina, Texas, and California, but was drawn back to Joplin. She refers to Joplin as her home town. She graduated from Joplin's Parkwood High School in 1981.

Tate has traveled extensively. She has taken at least 35 different road trips and plans to go north.

"I would like to go north to Montana, Wyoming, Canada, or Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts," Tate said. "I've never been there."

Her favorite place to visit is Columbia, S.C.

"One of my greatest achievements was being physical during boot camp, because I've never been real active physically."

Tracy Tate  
MSIPC secretary

"When I lived there we were two hours from the beach and the mountains," Tate said. "I loved it."

Her family lived in Columbia for two years after her father retired from the Air Force.

Tate is accomplishing another achievement by raising two children, a daughter, April, 15, and a son, Aaron, 8.

As a single parent who works full-time, Tate still has time for a good sketch and to take her children bowling or to the park.

"Life is made up of different experiences," she said.

"Try and experience the good and the bad and learn from them because everything that happens, happens for a reason."

Tate provides her children with the opportunity of choosing an instrument. April plays the violin in the Joplin High School orchestra, while Aaron wants to play the piano or the drums.

"If I were to play an instrument myself, I would play the piano," Tate said. "I love the piano. It's flexible. You can play ragtime, swing, classical, contemporary, just about anything."

"If I were to meet a musician, it would have to be contemporary pianist Floyd Cramer."

I love how he plays 'Moonlight in Vermont'. It's soothing."

Tate appreciates music from rock to classical.

Her favorite concert was a Journey concert she attended in 1982.

"Life is made up of all kinds of experiences," Tate said.

"Enjoy it. I try not to worry about things because when you're stressed you don't get to enjoy them. You can still be responsible about things and still have fun."

"My life's not over. I still have a lot more to live." □

HEALTH SERVICES

"You gotta be who you are and not what everybody else wants you to be."

## Keeping it real

### Dougherty settles into post

By ANGIE WILLIAMS  
CHART REPORTER

He was real" is what Dr. John Dougherty, the new College physician, would like inscribed on his tombstone.

"You gotta be true to yourself, you gotta be real," Dougherty said. "You gotta be who you are and not what everyone else wants you to be."

Throughout his life, Dougherty has strived to meet his motto in everything he does. From work to play, he always tries to be real.

Being a doctor wasn't his first choice when he set out to start a career.

"It kinda chose me," he said. "I didn't choose it."

After he received his lifetime teaching certificate and completed student teaching in junior high science, Dougherty went into medicine.

He is the director of medical education at Freeman Hospitals and Health System, the director of the family practice residency, and a board member at the University of Health Sciences.

He holds a bachelor of science in biology and education from Culver-Stockton and a medical degree from UHS.

Dougherty, who has been living in Joplin for four years, isn't a stranger to Missouri Southern. He worked in the student health clinic the first year he was here. After the College signed a deal with Freeman, Dougherty left and began his own practice.

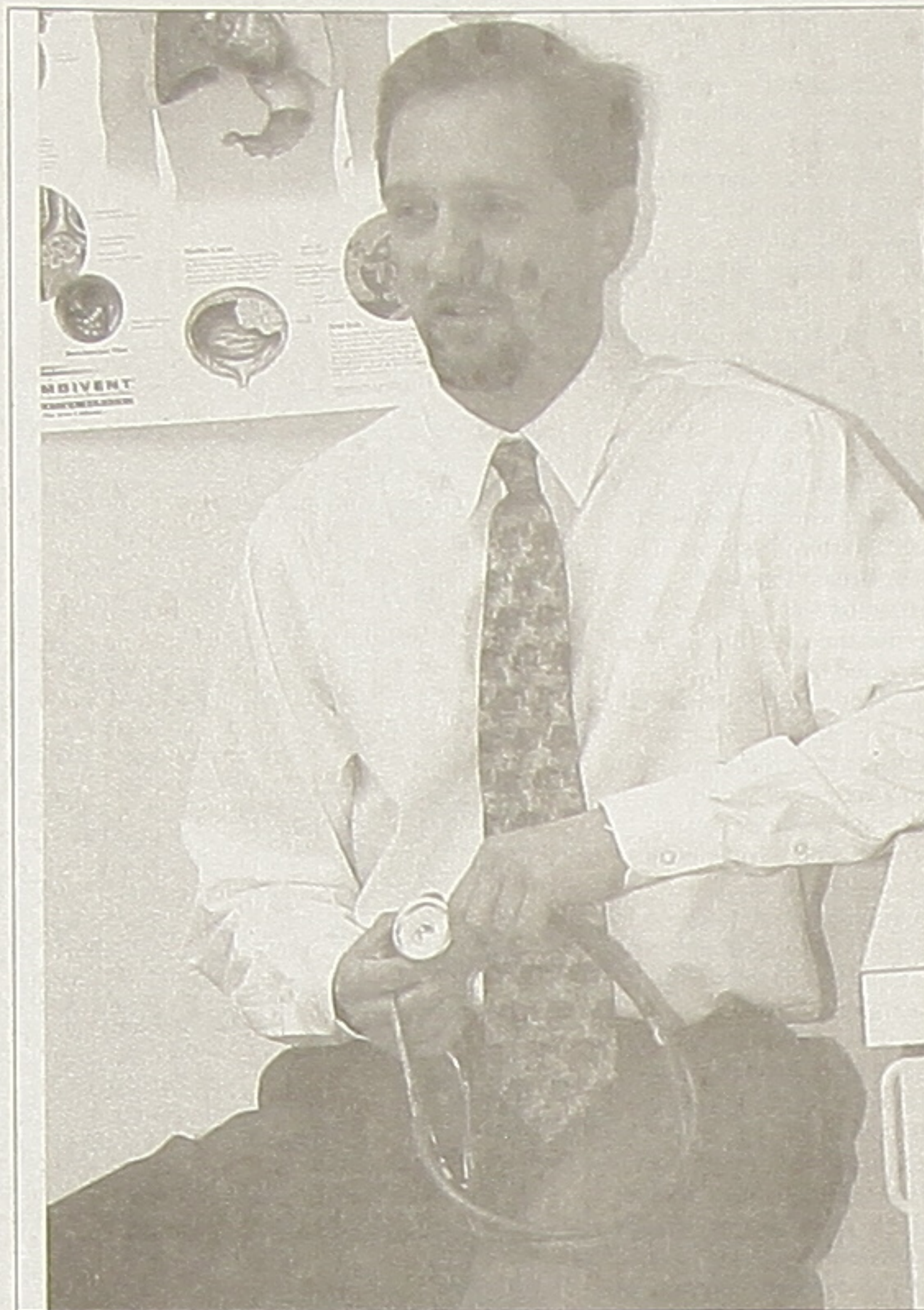
He works 60 to 70 hours a week, most of the time teaching and training interns and residents at the hospital.

"Everyday is something different," he said. "That's the fun of being a doctor."

Dougherty isn't all work and no play, however. He plays softball in two leagues during the spring, summer, and fall.

He and his grandmother are both dedicated Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals fans. He also enjoys playing practical jokes.

Dougherty smiles as he recalls one of his practical jokes.



HEATHER FARREN/The Chart

Dr. John Dougherty, College physician, is also the director of medical education at Freeman Hospitals and health Systems.

"I have this thing I can do with a rubber band and a foam cup," he said.

Dougherty also recalls some of his proudest moments, most from high school.

The two moments that stand out are winning three state championships in football while he played wide receiver and safety and going to state finals in track all four years of high school.

Dougherty, who received scholarships for football and tennis, went on to play cornerback in college.

He also received a vocal scholarship and sang in concert, jazz, and swing choirs. Besides singing for fun, watching the Chiefs play, or helping Carl Junction High School teams, Dougherty never went further with sports or singing.

Teaching and medicine run in

Dougherty's family; his three brothers are a teacher, an orthopedic surgeon, and a physical therapy assistant. Dougherty said he and his brothers follow their mother more in their career choices. His mother is a nurse, and his father is a construction worker.

"I like to take hard things and make them easy," he said. "That's why I like to teach."

When teaching, Dougherty likes to make everything understandable so students will enjoy learning and look forward to their job.

Dougherty's advice to college students is "find something that they find interesting and fun." If doing something for the rest of one's life, make sure it's enjoyable. Also, he said, "Make the best out of whatever situation you find. Be real." □

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Bradberry teaches courses based on personal experiences in field

By CHRIS ROBERTS  
CHART REPORTER

Teaching something that he's been doing his whole life has become old hat to the new international business instructor, Dr. William Bradberry.

That his main field of expertise lies in the area of international business isn't surprising considering the fact that he's lived and done business in places outside of the U.S. for most of his life.

Bradberry has lived in Japan, the Philippines, Guam, Taiwan, New Zealand, all over the tropics, and even in a little place called Sabah, which is in Malaysia.

"I can live pretty much anywhere."

I'm very easy to keep happy," he said, smiling.

The reasons for all of the moves lie not only in his various business endeavors, but also in the numerous teaching positions he's held.

One of his first teaching experiences was at the University of Guam. He has also served as a faculty member with the Asian Institute of Management and De La Salle University graduate schools in Manila, Philippines. Some of his American teaching jobs include the University of Dallas, University of Texas at Dallas, Troy State University, University of Houston, and Loyola University of New Orleans.

Long before Bradberry's career as

an educator began, he was finishing a stint with military intelligence.

"I was trying to get back home, but my visa didn't come through in Taiwan," he said. "Luckily I was offered a job selling insurance and ended up doing that for about six years."

From there he moved into the entertainment business by taking advantage of all the military involvement in the Orient.

"I was involved with a lot of military clubs and floor shows," Bradberry said. "Mostly we were involved with merchandise, but we also sold shows to various countries. Mostly they were Westerns, like Johnny Cash."

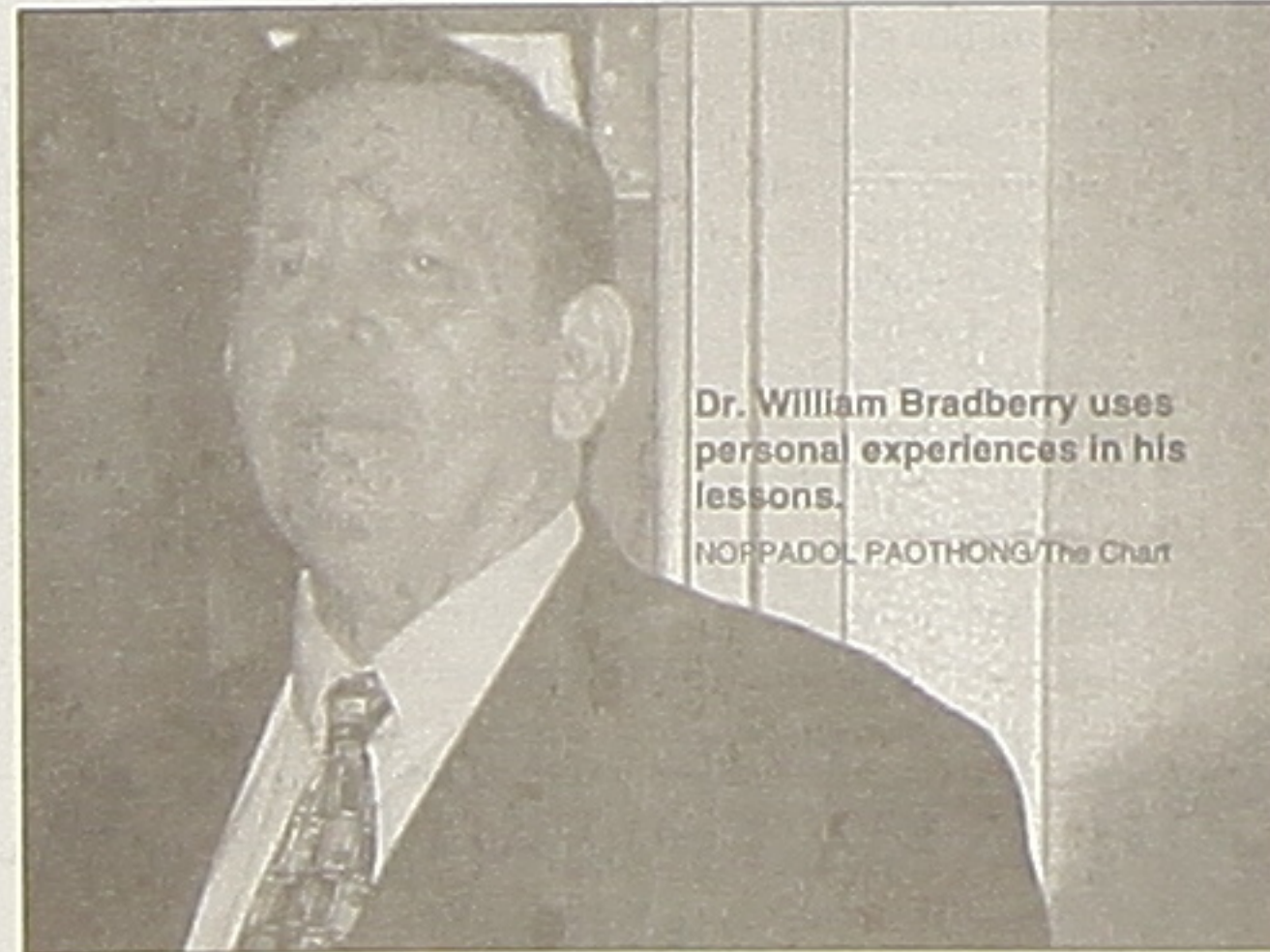
Eventually Bradberry decided that it would be good to know as much as

possible about the business world he was so much a part of. So he went to school and liked it so much that he still hasn't left. He's earned so many degrees that he can't even count them any more.

"I don't even bother putting them on the wall anymore," he said with a smile. "They would clutter up the wall, and besides, I can't read half of them since they're mostly in Chinese."

He said balancing all of his business endeavors while trying to finish his academic work was quite a task.

"I was seeing business opportunities right and left. At one point I had five different job opportunities all at once. It was just too easy to make money." □



Dr. William Bradberry uses personal experiences in his lessons.

NORPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

## Epperson's life path leads her from Alaskan frontier to Joplin

By BRIAN COPELAND  
CHART REPORTER

She is a long way from her native home in Tacoma, Wash., but Melanie Epperson enjoys life in Webb City.

Epperson made her way when her family moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1975. She was only a sophomore in high school when they moved to

Alaska, then in 1979, she graduated from East Anchorage High School. After spending 10 years in Alaska, Epperson moved to Webb City in 1985. She still lives in Webb City with her husband, Rodney, and two children, Anna, 11 and Ely, 9.

Since moving to Webb City, Epperson has had the chance to experience many different kinds of jobs along the way. Having worked for Tamko and Leggett

and Platt, she also served as a teacher's helper for the Webb City School District. She recently joined the staff at Missouri Southern.

The new secretary of the student health center, Epperson believes she is right at home. Besides being a full-time mother and a secretary at Southern, she is also a Mary Kay beauty consultant. When not filing papers and ordering supplies for the nurse, she makes

appointments for students to see the nurse or College physician.

"I want students to know I'm here to help when students have a problem and need to see a nurse," Epperson said.

She came to Southern to try something different.

"I want to be somebody who can make a difference in people's lives," Epperson said. "I like a variety in jobs."

But, of course, every job has its good and bad parts.

"The good thing about Southern is I love the atmosphere, and I also like the campus life," Epperson said.

Fans of the Thursday night TV drama series "ER" can relate to Epperson as this is her favorite program. She also loves to read books, remodel her house, and listen to Christian music on KOBC. □



Melanie Epperson  
Health secretary



# Ritter discovers start of new semester abroad

## Student compares vast differences between German, American colleges

By CALE RITTER  
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

Anticipation was the emotion I felt on Oct. 1, which marked the beginning of the winter semester at the Fachhochschule in Ansbach.

One reason was because I am the first American student at this young university.

The other reason was that classes didn't actually start on this day. This first day was a day to make a few speeches of welcome to the new and returning students.

The next day, there was a type of banquet or ceremony where students, faculty, city, and state officials were invited. Unfortunately, very few students attended.

Those who did, like myself, helped to make preparations and serve. Many important government officials attended this formal event.

After the speeches were made, the students served wine, beer, sodas, and fruit juices.

A bakery delivered a wide variety of fresh breads. Everyone was in good spirits and had a nice time.

Come Monday, I felt a little more anxiety. This was the official first day of class. As one might expect, the classes here are set up a little differently.

Take, for example, a three-hour course at Missouri Southern. The three hours each week are split between two or three days. Here, my four-hour courses are split by a 15-minute break. But the nice thing about this is I don't have to come back for an entire week.

Since the base load of a full-time student at Southern is 12 hours, that is how many hours I am taking here. I have chosen three four-hour classes. I chose this small amount as this alone

will be a great challenge because of the language barrier I am overcoming. I continually learn more of the language. And, when I need help with clarification, someone is always there to translate.

In Germany, everyone learns English. Sometimes they know two or more languages very well.

I think this is a great idea and that we should adapt this to our educational systems in the states.

I have to say one thing. When I left the states, everyone told me not to expect much help from the Germans. They all said Germans were not as nice as Americans, and sometimes quite rude. I can't express what a false statement this is. I have met some of the nicest, most helpful, and genuine people in my life. Everyone is doing so much to help. This goes for adults and students alike.

Wherever you go, you will meet nice people and those who are not so nice. So far, every person I have met has, without a doubt, fallen into the very nice category. □

## CRISIS: Asia's financial woes effect international students

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understand what it's like to be in this. People try to be supportive, but you've got to live it to understand."

The dollar's recent vulnerability to the domino-decline of the Asian and Russian currencies is bringing home the effects of an economic phenomenon to American investors, where recent volatility in U.S. investments has consumer confidence shaky.

But for a small contingency of Southern students, the effects have already hit home.

Mayuka Ishii, senior international communications major, was afraid she would have to return to her family in Japan last semester because of the hit the yen had taken.

"I feel like I'm selfish. I'm 24, I'm supposed to be out of school and working by now," she says. "But I wanted to finish college. I don't have anything if I just stop."

Ishii's father, a freelance architect, has gone for stretches of months without work.

"When the economy gets bad, nobody wants to rebuild their houses," she says. "We never think these situations will happen, but they have."

When Ishii came to the United States, \$1 equaled about 85 yen. Now that number is closer to 135 yen.

Even with a degree, the chances are bleak that Ishii will find employment when she returns to Japan.

"There's really high unemployment for college graduates right now," she says.

"If you've graduated from someplace like Harvard, you can get a good job."

Most of Southern's international students live with host families, which help shield them from the harsh realities of the economic crisis.

"Thankfully, they will not go without food and shelter," says Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center.

"The problem is that they need to pay tuition."

And that proves to be a formidable problem for most international students who don't have visas to work in the United States.

"Most of us don't work because we're not allowed to," Bokova says. "We would work if we could."

Bokova says with the current state of her country's economy, she plans to stay in the United States after graduation. A notion she says is growing among students from her country.

"I'd love to go back to my country, but there's no future for me there," she says.

"And it's not going to get better in a year or two." □

## TRIP: Bray, Martin, Gray head for Swedish territories

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course of action that will be mutually beneficial for them and for us," Bray said.

Gray's primary focus centers around Jonkoping University. He wants to meet with officials of the university to determine the feasibility of beginning an exchange program for business majors at Southern and Jonkoping. Jonkoping is in a position to offer graduate degrees taught in English. Among the areas available are master's and doctorate degrees in English and business courses, possibly economics and marketing.

"It's a rapidly expanding program," Bray said. "The reason it has to be investigated is it is the first time we know of where a northern European institution is receiving private support."

Martin's and Bray's interests lie in Mallsjo Folkhogskola. After completing its fourth "Summer in Sweden" program, the art department is examining the feasibility for a full-semester program.

"It is an attractive proposal to consider," Bray said. "But, we're just in the talking stage."

The proposed program would offer art students, as well as other interested students, the opportunity to study in northern Europe. Two extensive 10- to 14-day field trips to Russia and central Europe are also slated in the proposal. "It has a very strong art program,"

Bray said. "That's why we go there."

Southern would take its own instructor and teach a mix of Swedish and American students.

Martin and Bray stress it is too early to determine if their proposal is practical. Cost and availability of curriculum are concerns, but agree there is a strong possibility. Another proposed course of study at the Folkhogskola is a full-semester foreign language program.

"There's not a lot of need for Swedish," Bray said. "It's a small country and the language is very similar to German, but it's always an option. We believe that they offer German and the teacher is German. Again, there's another option for a field trip."

Bray thinks Sweden is a good place for an exchange program because of Swedish hospitality and his connections with the people at Mallsjo.

"I grew up with Hakan Sonderland," Bray said. "Now he is the rector of the Folkhogskola."

"Sweden's been an oasis for us. Americans are handicapped because they only speak one language. The Swedish are very accepting of the limitations we have with their language. So, we've had some advantages that way, plus it fits in beautifully with our international mission." □

## HOME COMING '98

### Southern Safari

October 19-24

#### MONDAY THE 19TH

- FALL FREAK-OUT - Live bands, Laser Tag, Psychology Club, Cut-A-Thon, organizational booths, Front Campus, noon-6. Sponsored by CAB

#### TUESDAY THE 20TH

- CAMPUS DISPLAY JUDGING - all day

#### WEDNESDAY THE 21ST

- Campus Food Show - BSC 2nd floor lounge, 11-1. Sponsored by AmeriServe

#### THURSDAY THE 22ND

- TALENT SHOW, Taylor Performing Arts Center, 6:30. \$100 first prize for both group and individual categories! Second Prize: \$75 Third Prize: \$50
- BONFIRE/YELL CONTEST, ECM lot, dark. \$100 prize to loudest group!

#### FRIDAY THE 23RD

- ALL-CAMPUS PICNIC, Front Campus, 10:45-1:15. Menu to include spicy chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, fresh fruit. Pep rally, introduction of senior football players and announcement of Royalty winners at noon

#### SATURDAY THE 24TH

- ALUMNI BRUNCH, BSC Connor, 10:00. \$7 (25th Anniversary of Women's Athletics at Southern)
- PARADE, ON CAMPUS, noon, ending at Stadium
- PREGAME CEREMONIES, 2:00, announcement of winners of Float Competition, Campus Display Competition, and winners of marching unit prizes from parade
- GAME, 2:30, LIONS VS. WASHBURN ICHABODS. Coronation of Royalty at halftime.
- DANCE, 8-MIDNIGHT, Holiday Inn Pine and Cedar Rooms. Contests, refreshments door prizes!



## Under The Hood



By Brin Cavan  
Automotive Editor

### Fall fantasy fuels need for fast lane

It's fall. Time for a change of season. Maybe it's time for a change of scenery and a "Road Trip."

If your idea of a road trip is heading to Carthage for the Maple Leaf Festival, you don't really get the gist of what a road trip is all about.

It's about adventure. About leaving behind everything safe and well-known for strange and exotic horizons. Sorry, Kansas doesn't count as exotic.

The best kind are the ones where you have to get out the atlas and map out your destination because you have never been on those roads before. You want to keep it loosely mapped out, to leave room for interesting zig-zagging along the way.

One of my favorite road trips was from Louisiana, along the Gulf Coast, then up to Newport News, Va. It was this time of year, and I had a new Fiat X 1-9 with a targa top and time to spare.

The Doobie Brothers and I usually made record time. What the mid-engine lacked in power, it made up for in handling. At one point, I rounded a 35 mph back-road curve at 85 mph, and there was a police car dozing in the sun by a little brook. He flashed his lights at me, but never moved. I don't know if he was just too comfortable, or if he thought I would be impossible to catch on that road with all its intricate twists and turns.

Starting in Baton Rouge, La., I followed the Gulf of Mexico until Biloxi, Miss. From there, I angled upward through Augusta, Ga.

The Gulf's still-warm sun and sand were soon eclipsed by star-struck sketches of autumn. In the Carolinas and Virginia, the landscape was beginning to trade its vibrant flowering shades for the more subdued reds and golds of autumn.

Even on the coolest days, I could take off the top and the car would still be warm. The air flowed over the top, rather than downward as it does in a convertible.

Knowing that reaching my destination meant a flight to Iceland and desolate scenery, I savored every hill and tree and flower. There are no trees in Iceland. There is too much wind for anything to grow more than 20 feet tall.

This particular trip was also a period of adjustment. It was a brief and fragile freedom.

I had left family and college behind. On the other end of the journey was a new husband and a much different life.

I was sincerely hoping that he had gotten my letter, as he was the only person I knew in this new country.

But for the time being, I was 19 and free with four-on-the-floor. I felt my trip was a great adventure. But my sister, Melva, had the all-time greatest road trip.

In the mid-60s, when she and her college roommate, Jackie, headed for Alaska on the Yukon Highway, it was pretty wild for two women to attempt this alone, but they survived and arrived just fine.

Traveling in a station wagon equipped with an extra gas tank, they carried every spare car part imaginable along with their supplies and food.

They lived in Fairbanks until the earthquake and flood of 1967 ran them out of town. Now that was an adventure!

After having three children and almost as many husbands, I long for a more carefree time.

When the changes of autumn hang precariously in the air ready to fall, I start thinking, "Maybe I need a road trip!" □

#### AUTOMOTIVE FOCUS

## Heartbeat Club hosts cruise, car show

By BRIN CAVAN  
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

Birds are flying south, squirrels are gathering nuts, and the Heartbeat Chevy Club is entering as many shows and cruise nights as possible before its cars and trucks must hibernate for the season.

This Joplin-based club hosted two events Saturday and will enter its vehicles in two auto shows this weekend. The first event was the Dining on Memories Car Show in Joplin. The show was presented by the Heartbeaters in conjunction with Main Street Joplin, Inc., sponsor of the event.

"We had 42 cars, and there were a lot of activities," said Bob Edmondson, Chevy Club member. "We had quality cars. There was not a bummer in the bunch."

Fourteen of the 18 club members brought their cars and trucks for show, but the Heartbeat members never enter their own cars in club-sponsored events.

They gave trophies for best of show, best paint, best interior, and best engine.

Their second Heartbeat-hosted event of the day was Webb City's last cruise night of the year. Sponsored by Bradbury-Bishop Deli Co., it was this year's largest cruise with more than 100 cars.

The Webb City Singers, from the high school, cruised with the club members for a few blocks. Afterwards, they performed for the cruise night participants.

The Chevy Club takes an active role in promoting and helping in neighborhood activities and fund-raisers.

"We're pretty family-oriented, and we are non-profit," Edmondson said. "We help out the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Children's Miracle Network. You can't keep these car buffs down."

They not only help with the MDA and Children's Miracle Network, but are also involved with Webb City High School's



Heartbeat Chevy Club member Bob Edmondson's award winning S-10 Chevy pickup has hurricane graphics, a red diamond-tuck interior and bed, and neon on the gear shift knob and the underside.

annual Project Graduation.

"The Heartbeat Chevy Club is very community minded," said Matthew Holt, Webb City High School choir director. "They should be commended for all they do in promoting school and community projects."

In 1994, the Heartbeat Chevy Club had a record year, receiving 189 trophies in a single year.

"We would go every Saturday and Sunday — back to back," Betty Edmondson said. "Just look at all these trophies!"

The Heartbeat Chevy Club was originally the Heartbeat Nova Club. Tom Moore, Webb City, and Jim Goucher, Carl Junction, founded the club and instigated the changes, adding trucks in 1993.

With the addition of trucks to the roster,

the Edmondsons were invited to join with their 1989 S10 pickup. The 2.8 liter V-6 fuel-injected truck is red with silver hurricane graphics. The interior has red diamond-tuck upholstery. Even the bed is upholstered with the diamond-tuck and an air-brushed graphic of the truck by Dave Patterson, Pittsburg, Kan.

"We have a lot of fun with this little truck," Edmondson said. "It's won us a lot of trophies."

The Chevy Club members have vehicles ranging from the truck to '56 and '57 Chevys, to Camaros, to Firebirds, to a '56 Oldsmobile.

"We have some nice, nice automobiles," Edmondson said. "Everyone takes a lot of pride in them."

Saturday, they will participate in the

Maple Leaf Car Show in Carthage. Sunday, they enter their autos in the Rebel Car Show at Riverview Park in Miami, Okla. Edmondson and Tom Moore will help judge the contest with the club chairman, Chris Byler, of Carl Junction.

The club members always drive their autos to the shows they attend all over the four-state area.

They never trailer them. One day they had half a dozen red classics in a row traveling to an auto show, turning heads as they passed.

More than anything, the heart of the Heartbeat Chevy Club is about having a good time.

"We have a lot of fun, and we meet a lot of people," Edmondson said. "This is a good group. The camaraderie is really great." □

#### STUDENT FEATURE

## Future teacher restores 'meant-to-be-driven' Mustang

By BRIN CAVAN  
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

She found this wild stallion in a field, took it home, and bit by bit is nurturing it back to health.

Deborah Housh, a Missouri Southern senior elementary education major, described her 1966 Mustang.

"I had always wanted one," she said. "I'd seen it for about three years sitting out in the field."

"I finally decided to stop and see if they would sell it."

For Housh, rebuilding and restoring her auto is an extended operation. She knew it needed extensive repairs when she

bought it, but she still had to take it home.

"I like the small body style," Housh said. "They are the type that no matter how old they get, they never go out of style."

She has already put in a new three-speed standard transmission and rear end.

The windshield and headliner were replaced, and repairs were made to the heater, duct work, and glove box.

Her son-in-law, Richie Johnson, completed the transmission and rear end replacement.

He is also handling the 200-cubic-inch V-6 engine repair and rebuild.

The rest of the work was done

by Missouri Mustangs, located between Webb City and Oronogo.

Rusty Sidenstricker, owner of Missouri Mustangs, said he got interested in Mustangs as a teenager. He bought his '65 (actually called a '64 1/2) for \$300. After restoring it, he sold it for \$2,100.

Sidenstricker and his wife, Kathryn, have restored several Mustangs of their own. When he met her, he knew he had found his match because "her favorite car was a Mustang."

Now he works on all Mustangs but specializes in cosmetic repairs on models from 1964 to 1973.

Missouri Mustangs completes

any repair other than internal mechanical work.

The body of Housh's '66 is in pretty good shape. But after the mechanical repairs, she would like to reupholster the interior.

When Housh paints the car, she might change the color to a forest green.

She would never paint it red, because she believes there are already too many red Mustangs. Housh wants her car to be different.

In all other ways, she strives to keep the Mustang as true to its roots as possible.

"I'm going to keep it as original as I can," Housh said. "Right now it's about 90 percent original."

Her love of machines takes her to stock car races, tractor pulls, and drag races. At a recent event at Mo-Kan Drag Way, she saw motorcycle races for the first time.

"It was a blast," Housh said. "The fastest one went 171 miles per hour and I thought it was scary as could be."

"There's no way I'd be on it, but it was really unique."

If the restoration of the Mustang continues until it reaches show quality, she wouldn't drive it every day.

But Housh never wants to reach the point where she just carries it around in a trailer, because Mustangs are "meant to be driven." □

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## CROSS COUNTRY

Runners prep  
for MIAA meetLady Lions take third place behind  
Division I colleges, men finish eighthBy ANDY SEARCY  
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday the Missouri Southern women's cross country team enjoyed another successful meet. The Lady Lions finished third out of 25 teams at the Washington University All Missouri Border State Championships in St. Louis. The two teams that finished ahead of Southern were NCAA Division I schools, Southeast Missouri State University and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"We had as good a team race that we've had in the last few weeks," said women's head coach Patty Vavra. "We are really learning to keep our pack tight."

The women also finished ahead of Pittsburg State and Truman State, two MIAA foes for the Lady Lions. With the conference meet one week from this Saturday, Vavra believes the women are peaking at the right time.

"Our freshmen are really starting to step up and run really well," she said. "Sonia Eudy had one of the best races she has had in a couple of years."

Eudy finished second in the meet with a time of 17 minutes and 18 seconds, just four seconds off the school record. Senior Amanda Harrison is also stepping up for the Lady Lions as well as freshmen Margaret Miklovic and Chasity Hank.

"The freshmen have really been able to follow Amanda, mainly because she is a very consistent runner," Vavra said. "I can tell them to attach to Amanda and I know she is going to run well."

Coming in at the fifth and sixth spots for the Lady Lions are juniors Jill Becker and Emily Petty.

The men's cross country team finished in eighth place Saturday at Washington out of 22 teams. But head coach Tom Rutledge would have liked to finish higher.

"We closed the gap a little bit on Pittsburg State and Truman State, two of our conference schools that were in the meet," he said. "But we're still needing a better run out of our fifth man, and Brian Hill didn't have a very good race that day."

Rutledge hopes that with a better race out of Hill and the fifth man they will be able to catch Pittsburg State at the conference meet.

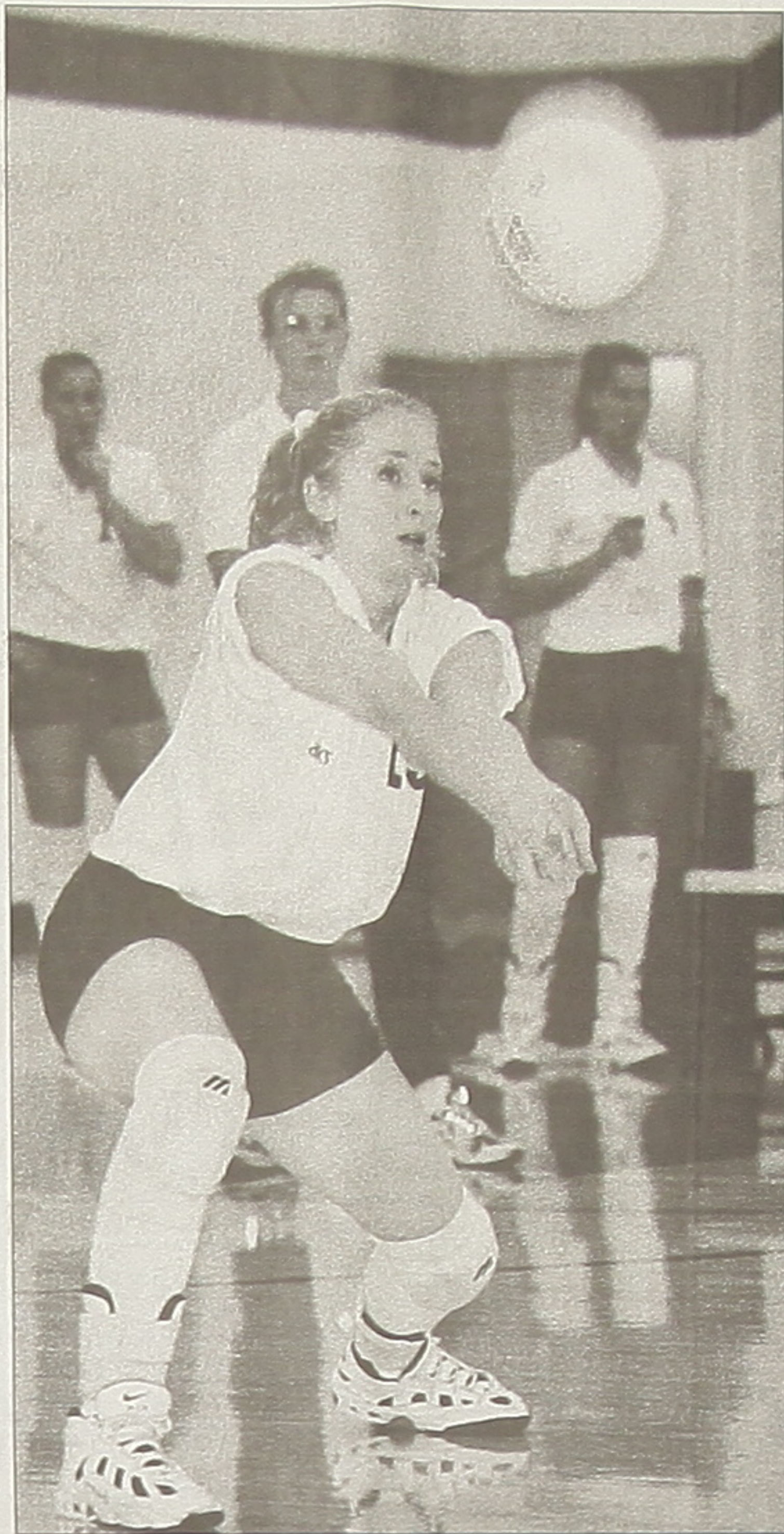
Most of the Lions finished with a personal record, including Jake Wells and Jay Cox. Even though Hill did not perform well Saturday, Rutledge believes he will come through for them at the conference meet.

"He's a racer, he just had a bad day," Rutledge said. "Everybody has a bad day every once in a while; his was just that day. But he is a very good runner for us."

The Lions' pack time was still under 60 seconds between the No. 1 and No. 5 men. But Rutledge says he would like to see it drop to 60 seconds between the No. 1 and No. 7 men.

The Lions and Lady Lions both have this weekend off but will be back in action on Oct. 24 at the MIAA meet in Pittsburg, Kan. □

## VOLLEYBALL



Senior outside hitter Erin Fielding digs a ball in Wednesday's match against Southwest Baptist University at Young Gym. Fielding had 16 digs on the night.

Southern rolls,  
dominates SBU

Lady Lions show balanced attack

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a rough weekend, Missouri Southern's volleyball team handled Southwest Baptist Wednesday night at Young Gymnasium.

The Lady Lions won the first two games 15-6, 15-7 before losing the third 15-12. They battled back in the fourth game to win 15-9 and increase their record to 4-15.

"We lost our concentration a little bit after the first two games, but we came back," said head coach Debbie Traywick said. "I think they played very well."

Meredith Hyde, Katie Moore, and Erin Fielding led the offensive attack with 10 kills apiece. Moore also had eight assisted blocks and one solo block. Amber Collins had 33 assists, and Fielding led the way in digs with 16.

Last weekend, the Lady Lions traveled to Arkadelphia, Ark., to participate in Henderson State's tournament. In match one, Southern faced regional power North Alabama and was swept 15-8, 15-5, 15-10. Moore and Fielding led the team with nine kills apiece. Rachel Miller added seven kills.

Later on that night Southern battled Henderson State and lost the four-game match 15-13, 10-15, 15-9, 4-15. Collins dished 55 assists and added 16 digs and three serving aces. Hyde had 16 kills in the loss, and Moore had 15.

Heather Olson had a big defensive performance as she registered 19 digs to go along with four serving aces. Fielding had 17 digs and Stephanie Bunger added 14.

Saturday was not a better day for the Lady Lions. In Saturday's first game against SIU-Edwardsville, they suffered a 15-6, 15-3, 15-10 defeat.

Arkansas Tech was the final team for the Lady Lions to handle, but the results were the same. The Lady Lions split the first two games with Arkansas Tech 12-15, 15-9 before dropping the next two 17-15, 15-11. Fielding led the way with 14 digs and 13 kills. Hyde tallied 15 digs and nine kills.

Today, the Lady Lions play Emporia State at 7 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. The Lady Hornets come into the game ranked fifth in the region.

Southern will face the Lady Blues of Washburn University at 11 a.m. Saturday.

"We're excited to play at home for a while," Traywick said. □

## FINCH: International Institute sponsors presentations

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my passion to read," she said.

Brice-Finch lived in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, for 19 years and taught at the high school and university there.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo nudged her to return to the mainland where she accepted a position at James Madison University. While there, she developed studies in Caribbean literature on the undergraduate and graduate level.

Over the years, her research focus has centered on contemporary Africana writers, writing articles, and making professional presentations. She also has written poetry that has been published in an anthology, *Moving Beyond Boundaries: International Dimensions of Black Women's Writing*.

Dr. Doris Walters, professor of English, said the presentation will expose her students in literature classes to Africana literature.

"This semester, my classes are getting more exposure to different types of literature," she said. "In the Children's Literature class, we are doing a unit on Africa, but the speech will help

us understand literature from other cultures."

Some students will attend the lectures as part of their classes.

"I feel that we need more exposure to the Africa semester," said Dr. J.R. Moorman, associate professor of communications.

"I am taking my Intercultural Communications class so they can hear a native speaker as an alternative to merely reading about it in class. Another reason I am taking the class is because my students have asked to hear outside speakers."

Brice-Finch will speak on the topic "Achieving the Good Life: A Prescription for Success" at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Using examples from Africana literature, she will discuss the importance of literacy in a global community and the concept of literature and how it functions in culture.

Ukpokodu, who previously taught at the University of Benin in Nigeria, is researching African theatre history. He is also a published poet. □

## BALLARD: Freshman to play baseball for Southern

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after he participated in a football camp at Florida in the summer of 1997.

His first contact with Southern was through former defensive coordinator Kenny Evans. Evans had been recruiting him before Gregory was hired as head coach in December. Once Gregory heard of Ballard, it did not take him long to pay him a visit.

"I remember watching the Nebraska-Tennessee game with Coach Gregory," Ballard said. "He told me that he wanted me to be that kind of back on his team."

Ballard is not just good at one sport, however. He will also play for Southern's baseball team. Ballard was an NCAA Division I prospect in baseball as well. He has been playing baseball most of his life.

"I started playing baseball when I was 4 years old," he said. "I had the chance to be drafted, but it didn't work out for me. I wanted to come to college to mature and learn more about the game. Going from high school to the pro's is a huge step."

Pittsburg State also recruited Ballard for football, but he said many important people affected his decision. Lion quarterback Mark Lloyd was Ballard's host on his first visit to Southern. Ballard was able

to speak with former Southern linebacker Richard Jordan, who now plays for the Detroit Lions.

There was one more deciding factor for Ballard, however.

"I went home after the visit and just prayed about it," he said. "I truly believe the Lord led me here."

Ballard said one of his main reasons for living is his relationship with God. His grandfather was a pastor at New Zion Baptist Church in Muskogee and helped Ballard to keep his head up in rough times.

"He always taught me to give honor to God and stay strong in the Lord," Ballard said about his grandfather. "It kept me on the right track."

Although his grandfather has died, he still keeps with him the words of wisdom that the pastor spoke.

"We are the faith and God has the power is what he'd say," Ballard said.

A 1-4 record was not what Ballard had planned for, but he is optimistic about the Lions' chances for a big finish and future success.

"We have the chance to be a good team," he said. "We have a lot of good players coming back on offense. I think we'll be a force in years to come." □

This week in  
Missouri Southern Athletics

## FOOTBALL

Saturday October 10, 1998

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VS.

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MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE

LADY LIONS

VS.

MIDWESTERN STATE

## VOLLEYBALL

Friday October 16-17, 1998

at Young Gymnasium

MISSOURI SOUTHERN

STATE LADY LIONS

VS.

WASHBURN LADY BLUES,

EMPORIA LADY HORNETS

## FOOTBALL: Lions prepare to stop Brian Shay, Emporia

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however. A two-yard touchdown run by Dexter Ford and Meyer's extra point put the Mules ahead 17-13.

After a 20-yard Central field goal, Southern's final drive took 4:27 off the clock as the Lions marched 73 yards downfield to have the drive stall on the busted play.

"If I could have scripted the game, that is the way it would have happened — with us having the ball late in the game with a chance to win it," Gregory said.

Ballard led all rushers and receivers with 113 yards on 11 carries and four receptions for 46 yards and a score.

Mark Lloyd completed seven of 11 passes for 87 yards and rushed for an additional 58. Whitney carried the ball 20 times for 66 yards and Tyson Sims tallied 40 yards on two receptions.

Saturday, the Lions will face the high-powered offense of Emporia State University, 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the MIAA. Last season, the Lions triumphed in overtime at Fred G. Hughes Stadium by stopping

Brian Shay shy of a two-point conversion to win 40-39.

This year, Shay has broken several records, including the NCAA all-purpose yardage mark last week. He has also shattered 1996 Harlon Hill winner Jarrett Anderson's NCAA touchdown record with 74. Gregory said there are several ways to approach a team like Emporia.

"They take so many risks offensively that they are going to move the ball," he said. "Last week I felt like our defense had to outplay Central's defense. This week I feel like our offense has to outplay Emporia's offense."

Gregory added that the key to winning will be controlling the clock and scoring at the same time.

"We need to consume time and score points," he said. "Sometimes you can force teams like that into a panic mode. They know they won't have many drives so they begin to force the ball downfield."

Saturday's game is scheduled for a 2 p.m. start at Emporia. □



## Sports Scope



By Andre L. Smith

Sports Editor

## Predictions from inside the huddle

By no stretch of anyone's imagination is Nick Parker anything like Nick Buoniconti or Jeff Wells like Cris Collinsworth from Inside the NFL. However, it is not every week that the Lions go on the road to play such an offensively explosive team as the Emporia State Hornets.

So on behalf of *The Chart's* sports staff, I have decided to take on the fun responsibility of predicting an outcome for this week's battle with 18th-ranked Emporia State. Here's a little background.

The Hornets' Harlon Hill candidate, Brian Shay, is passing people in the record books like a maniac passing cars on Interstate 44. Shay has 8,138 all-purpose yards, which broke Carey Bender's 1991-94 record of 7,970. This year, he is nothing short of sensational averaging 215 rushing yards per game.

Last year he carried the ball 35 times for 190 yards against the Lions.

That was a bad game for this guy because 65 of those yards came in overtime. On the final play from scrimmage, he also broke a 46-yard run while Southern was in a prevent defense.

Just about everyone is back from the same Lion defense that gave up 39 points to ESU a year ago. But this year they are better. Marlon Douglas has been playing with tenacity and has 13 tackles for losses. Kqorea Willis and Marque Owens continue to make big plays.

Will we score? I'm sure that Southern head coach Greg Gregory has added some new plays to the arsenal. And if I remember correctly, last year was a breakout session for receiver Tyson Sims as he caught touchdowns of 27 and 11 yards.

The Lions are 6-6 at Emporia State and lead their series 16-9. So here's how we see it.

It is no secret that the Lions have been struggling offensively. However, Emporia gives up 193 yards on the ground per game.

That's fifth in the league.

Southern had no problem running on the MIAA's No. 1 defense, Central Missouri State, and they won't have a problem Saturday.

The Hornets are eighth in the league in turnover margin and first in the league in penalties. If the Lions can force turnovers and get a few good calls, they'll be in good shape.

The key, however, will be the play of the linebackers. Southern's defensive line will get after the ball and find themselves in the backfield on many occasions.

That is what Emporia's monsters up front like.

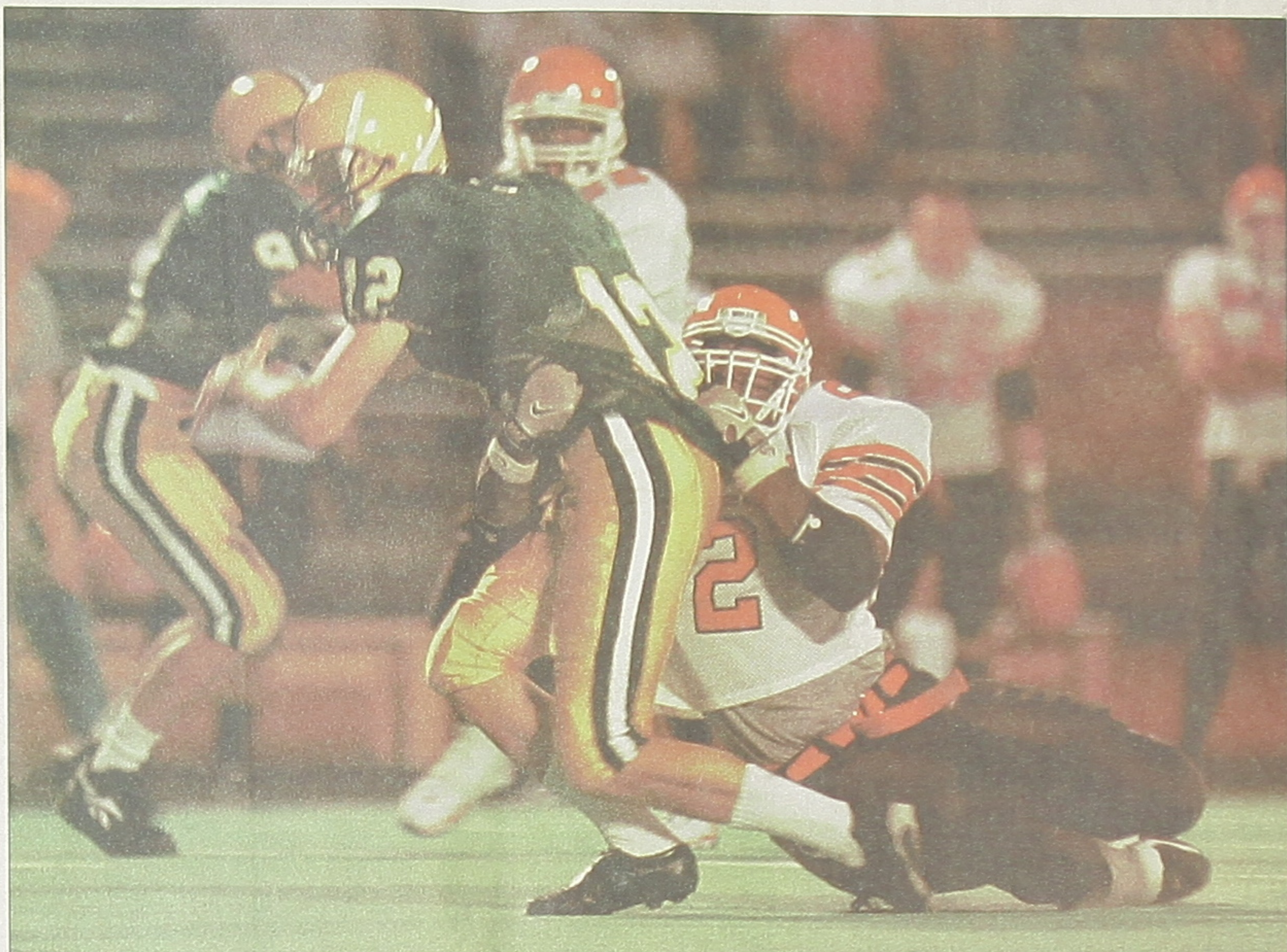
They will try to push the defensive linemen up field and let Shay choose his hold. It will be up to the linebackers and defensive backs to stop the surge.

Southern's backers have been playing fabulously all season, and it won't stop in Emporia.

It is unrealistic to say that we will stop Emporia. Shay will not hesitate to rush for 200 or 300 yards, but the Lions will keep him and the Hornets out of the end zone just enough to get the win.

The Lions will explode offensively and win, 34-30. □

## FOOTBALL



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Missouri Southern kicker Caleb Lewis injures his ankle while trying to get away from Central Missouri linebacker Lamar Truitt. Lewis is doubtful to play this week.

## Lions lose 20-13 in defensive battle



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Senior quarterback Mark Lloyd is pursued by Central Missouri State's Kenneth Boule in Saturday's 20-13 loss at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Central Missouri State's defense proved it is one of the best in the nation Saturday after making a big stop on fourth and two late in the game. With 2:01 remaining and the ball on the 4-yard line, confusion in an offensive assignment left a hole for Central's Wright Thompson to stuff a run by Antonio Whitney and seal a 20-13 victory.

Missouri Southern's offense gained 339 total yards on the Mules' stingy defense.

"We did all of the right things on offense," said Southern head coach Greg Gregory. "We moved the ball against them well."

The Lions fell to 1-4 overall and 1-3 in the MIAA. Central improved to 6-0.

On Southern's first drive, the Lions moved the ball from their own 26 to the Central 25. On second and 10, Whitney broke free for what appeared to be a touchdown, but a controversial holding penalty was called.

"We weren't holding on the play," Gregory said. "The guy just slipped on the turf. Up until last week I was pretty pleased with the officiating, but I think we got shafted on that play."

After coming up two yards short on third and 12, the Lions faked a field goal and failed as Lamont Truitt

tackled Southern kicker Caleb Lewis for a six-yard loss. Lewis injured his ankle on the play.

"We don't know when Caleb is going to be back right now," Gregory said. "He is doubtful to play in the next game."

Adren Dudley caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Koob to cap a seven-play, 54-yard drive for the Mules. Two minutes later, Southern's Joey Ballard took a pitch from quarterback Mark Lloyd and scampered 53 yards for a touchdown.

"Coach said he was going to use me in different places," Ballard said. "I just wanted to concentrate on making a big play and setting the tone for the game."

After a good start from their 42-yard line, the Mules drove to the 29 to set up what would be a 47-yard field goal and record breaker for Central kicker Shane Meyer. With the field goal, Meyer became the Mules' career scoring leader with 226 points and gave Central a 10-7 halftime lead.

"We knew we were in the ball game at the half and we knew we were the better football team," Gregory said.

Mark Lewandowski hit field goals of 44 yards and 26 yards on the first and final possessions of the third quarter for the Lions. The 13-10 lead did not last long.

TURN TO FOOTBALL, PAGE 11

## Versatile freshman opening eyes of Southern fans, MIAA opponents

### Freshman Joey Ballard useful in Lions' offensive gameplan

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

It did not take long for all-purpose back Joey Ballard to fit into Greg Gregory's offensive scheme. In fact, Ballard is providing his services at several positions. The freshman criminal justice major from Muskogee, Okla., has been playing tailback, wingback, and wide receiver. Gregory said Ballard is one of the most versatile players he has seen.

"Joey is a guy who can play basically whatever you need him to," he said. "He can play receiver, running back, defensive back, and could even play quarterback. He's just a really talented football player."

Ballard has shown that he can be an exceptional all-purpose back by the numbers he has posted so far this season. He ranks fourth in the MIAA in all-purpose yards with 122.4 yards per game. Last week's 113-yard rushing performance made him the first back to rush for more than 100 yards on the Central Missouri State Mules this season. His 53-yard burst for a score was the first offensive touchdown scored against Central in 15 quarters.

"He's as good as any freshman in this conference,"

Gregory said. "I think that he and Antonio Whitney are already a force in this league. And they are both only freshmen."

Ballard did not expect to touch the ball as many times as he did last week. He knew he would be moved around the field to spread out Central's defense and said he just wanted to make the most of his opportunities.

"Coach Gregory told me that I would get the ball at least 10 times," Ballard said. "I felt like he was really counting on me to make a big play."

On the season, Ballard is averaging 5.7 yards per carry. His 241 yards on 42 carries is second on the team. He leads the team in receptions with 15 for 153 yards and in touchdowns with five.

In addition to those duties, Ballard is handling some of the punt and kick returning. He is averaging 19.8 yards per kick return and 10 yards per punt return.

During his junior and senior years, Ballard was an all-state selection at running back. He gained more than 1,000 yards as a senior, and scholarship offers were not hard to come by.

"I was recruited by the University of Texas-El Paso, Arkansas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State," Ballard said.

In addition, Florida and Miami also contacted him

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Freshman running back Joey Ballard has rushed for five touchdowns and almost to 300 yards. He has also gained 153 yards on 15 catches.